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H.B. No. 2517

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a prohibition of the land application of grit or grease trap waste.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 361, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 361.1215 to read as follows:

Sec. 361.1215. LAND APPLICATION OF GRIT AND GREASE TRAP WASTE PROHIBITED. (a) In this section:

(1) "Grease trap waste" means a material collected in and from a grease interceptor in the sanitary sewer line of a commercial, institutional, or industrial food service or processing facility. The term includes the solids resulting from a dewatering process.

(2) "Grit trap" means a unit or chamber that:

(A) allows the sedimentation of solids from an influent liquid stream by reducing the flow velocity of the stream;

(B) has an inlet and outlet that are both located at the same vertical level at or near the top of the unit or chamber;

(C) has an outlet that is connected to a sanitary sewer system; and

(D) is not designed to separate oil and water.

(3) "Grit trap waste" means the waste collected in a grit trap. The term includes waste from an interceptor placed in a drain at maintenance and repair shops, automobile service stations,

1 car washes, laundries, and other similar facilities.

2 (b) The commission may not issue a permit, registration, or  
3 other authorization for land application of grit trap waste or  
4 grease trap waste.

5 (c) This section does not apply to a permit, registration,  
6 or other authorization issued to an entity for the disposal of  
7 grease trap waste or grit trap waste at a municipal solid waste Type  
8 I landfill, a municipal solid waste Type V facility, or a compost  
9 facility.

10 SECTION 2. A permit, registration, or other authorization  
11 issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality that allows  
12 the land application of grease trap waste or grit trap waste expires  
13 on the effective date of this Act. The remainder of a permit,  
14 registration, or other authorization that contains items in  
15 addition to an authorization allowing the land application of  
16 grease trap waste or grit trap waste remains in effect to the extent  
17 that it does not authorize the land application of grease trap waste  
18 or grit trap waste.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.