

CHAPTER 541

H.B. No. 1647

AN ACT

relating to regulation of greywater.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 26, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 26.0311 to read as follows:

*Sec. 26.0311. STANDARDS FOR CONTROL OF GREYWATER. (a) In this section, "greywater" means wastewater from clothes washing machines, showers, bathtubs, handwashing lavatories, and sinks that are not used for food preparation or disposal of chemical and biological ingredients.*

*(b) The commission by rule shall adopt and implement minimum standards for the use of greywater in irrigation and for other agricultural, domestic, commercial, and industrial purposes that will assure that the use of greywater will not be a nuisance or damage the quality of surface water and groundwater in this state.*

SECTION 2. Section 3, Chapter 178, Acts of the 49th Legislature, 1945 (Article 4477-1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

*(c) "Greywater" means wastewater from clothes washing machines, showers, bathtubs, handwashing lavatories, and sinks that are not used for food preparation or disposal of chemical and biological ingredients.*

*(d) The Department of Health by rule shall adopt and implement minimum standards for the use of greywater in irrigation and for other agricultural, domestic, commercial, and industrial purposes that will assure that the use of greywater will not be a nuisance or damage the quality of surface water and groundwater in this state.*

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

SECTION 4. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on May 15, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 28, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.