

CHAPTER 810

H.B. No. 1838

AN ACT

relating to the regulation by counties of transporters of liquid waste.

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

SECTION 1. Title 71, Revised Statutes, is amended by adding Article 4477-7e to read as follows:

*Art. 4477-7e. TRANSPORTERS OF LIQUID WASTE*

*Sec. 1. DEFINITION. In this article "person" has the meaning assigned to that term by Section 311.005(2) of the Government Code.*

*Sec. 2. PROGRAM ESTABLISHED. The commissioners court of each county may establish a regulatory program relating to transporters of grease trap, sand trap, and septic waste.*

*Sec. 3. SCOPE OF PROGRAM. As part of the regulatory program established under this article, the commissioners court of each county may:*

*(1) require a permit for trucks that transport grease trap, sand trap, and septic waste, including trucks serving unincorporated areas;*

*(2) issue a single permit number that allows a municipality that participates in the county regulatory program the option to add to that permit number a suffix unique to the municipality;*

*(3) coordinate with municipalities inspections of trucks that transport grease trap, sand trap, and septic waste; and*

*(4) develop a single manifest form with a uniform manifest registration and numbering system to be used by the county and by each participating municipality.*

*Sec. 4. POWERS. The commissioners court of each county may:*

*(1) by order establish guidelines and procedures for the issuance of permits to trucks that transport grease trap, sand trap, and septic waste and for the coordination of truck inspections;*

*(2) enter into a contract with a person to provide any of the services that are part of the regulatory program established by the county under this article;*

*(3) enter into a contract with a municipality that provides the terms and conditions under which the municipality may participate in the regulatory program established by the county under this article; and*

*(4) assess an inspection fee sufficient to cover the cost to the county of providing this service.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

SECTION 3. 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 13, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 23, 1987, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.