

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Sewage sludge treated to Class A standards as defined by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) may be used by the general public as fertilizer and soil enhancement. Under current law, TNRCC must impose a fee for all solid waste, regardless of the level of treatment it has received. H.B. 3288 would establish the exclusion of certain sewage sludge from solid waste disposal fees.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3288 establishes the exclusion of certain sewage sludge from solid waste disposal fees.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 361.013(i), Health and Safety Code, to prohibit the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission from charging a fee for the disposal of certain solid and hazardous waste, as well as certain sewage sludge. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.