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H.B. No. 572

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the disposal of pesticides.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 76, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Section 76.009 to read as follows:

Sec. 76.009. PESTICIDE DISPOSAL FUND. (a) The pesticide disposal fund is a fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund. The fund consists of:

(1) money deposited to the credit of the fund under Section 76.044; and

(2) interest earned on the investment of money in the fund.

(b) The department shall administer the fund. Money in the fund may be appropriated only for the purposes of the pesticide waste and pesticide container collection activities performed under Section 76.132.

SECTION 2. Section 76.044, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Of the money received by the department under this section, the department shall annually deposit to the credit of the pesticide disposal fund under Section 76.009 an amount to cover the cost of administering the pesticide waste and pesticide container collection activities performed under Section 76.132, not to exceed \$400,000.

1 SECTION 3. Subchapter F, Chapter 76, Agriculture Code, is
2 amended by adding Section 76.132 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 76.132. DISPOSAL OF PESTICIDE. The department, in
4 coordination with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and
5 the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, shall organize pesticide
6 waste and pesticide container collection activities statewide. The
7 department, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the
8 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service may contract for the services
9 of contractors that are licensed in the disposal of hazardous waste
10 under Section 401.202, Health and Safety Code, or other contractors
11 to implement the pesticide waste and pesticide container collection
12 activities and facilitate the collection of canceled,
13 unregistered, or otherwise unwanted pesticide products and
14 pesticide containers.

15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.