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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 A&M AgriLife Extension Service, shall
5 organize pesticide waste and pesticide container collection
6 activities statewide. The department and Texas A&M AgriLife
7 Extension Service may contract for the services of contractors that
8 are licensed in the disposal of hazardous waste under Section
9 401.202, Health and Safety Code, or other contractors to implement
10 the pesticide waste and pesticide container collection activities
11 and facilitate the collection of canceled, unregistered, or
12 otherwise unwanted pesticide products and pesticide containers.

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