

1-1 By: Stephenson, González of El Paso H.B. No. 572
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Kolkhorst)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2017;
 1-4 May 5, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-5 Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs; May 16, 2017, reported
 1-6 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 1; May 16, 2017, sent
 1-7 to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the disposal of pesticides.
 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 76, Agriculture Code, is
 1-22 amended by adding Section 76.009 to read as follows:
 1-23 Sec. 76.009. PESTICIDE DISPOSAL FUND. (a) The pesticide
 1-24 disposal fund is a fund in the state treasury outside the general
 1-25 revenue fund. The fund consists of:
 1-26 (1) money deposited to the credit of the fund under
 1-27 Section 76.044; and
 1-28 (2) interest earned on the investment of money in the
 1-29 fund.
 1-30 (b) The department shall administer the fund. Money in the
 1-31 fund may be appropriated only for the purposes of the pesticide
 1-32 waste and pesticide container collection activities performed
 1-33 under Section 76.132.
 1-34 SECTION 2. Section 76.044, Agriculture Code, is amended by
 1-35 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:
 1-36 (c) Of the money received by the department under this
 1-37 section, the department shall annually deposit to the credit of the
 1-38 pesticide disposal fund under Section 76.009 an amount to cover the
 1-39 cost of administering the pesticide waste and pesticide container
 1-40 collection activities performed under Section 76.132, not to exceed
 1-41 \$400,000.
 1-42 SECTION 3. Subchapter F, Chapter 76, Agriculture Code, is
 1-43 amended by adding Section 76.132 to read as follows:
 1-44 Sec. 76.132. DISPOSAL OF PESTICIDE. The department, in
 1-45 coordination with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and
 1-46 the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, shall organize pesticide
 1-47 waste and pesticide container collection activities statewide. The
 1-48 department, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the
 1-49 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service may contract for the services
 1-50 of contractors that are licensed in the disposal of hazardous waste
 1-51 under Section 401.202, Health and Safety Code, or other contractors
 1-52 to implement the pesticide waste and pesticide container collection
 1-53 activities and facilitate the collection of canceled,
 1-54 unregistered, or otherwise unwanted pesticide products and
 1-55 pesticide containers.
 1-56 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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