

1-1 By: Phelan, Fallon (Senate Sponsor - Nichols) H.B. No. 2771
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2017;
1-3 May 8, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs; May 19, 2017, reported
1-5 adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following
1-6 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 19, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	<u>Perry</u>	X		
1-10	<u>Rodríguez</u>	X		
1-11	<u>Creighton</u>	X		
1-12	<u>Hall</u>	X		
1-13	<u>Hinojosa</u>	X		
1-14	<u>Kolkhorst</u>	X		
1-15	<u>Miles</u>	X		

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2771 By: Perry

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the fee collected for an on-site wastewater treatment
1-20 permit application.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Sections 367.008(b) and (c), Health and Safety
1-23 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-24 (b) The commission shall ~~may~~ award competitive grants
1-25 to ~~+~~

1-26 ~~[(1)]~~ support applied research and demonstration
1-27 projects by accredited colleges and universities in this state, by
1-28 other governmental entities, or by acceptable public or private
1-29 research centers regarding on-site wastewater treatment technology
1-30 and systems applicable to this state that are directed toward
1-31 improving the quality of wastewater treatment and reducing the cost
1-32 of providing wastewater treatment to consumers, including
1-33 wastewater reuse ~~+, and~~

1-34 ~~[(2) enhance technology transfer regarding on-site~~
1-35 ~~wastewater treatment by using educational courses, seminars,~~
1-36 ~~symposia, publications, and other forms of information~~
1-37 ~~dissemination].~~

1-38 (c) The commission shall seek the advice of relevant experts
1-39 when choosing research topics and ~~+~~ awarding grants ~~+, and holding~~
1-40 ~~educational conferences associated with activities~~ under this
1-41 chapter.

1-42 SECTION 2. Section 367.010(d), Health and Safety Code, is
1-43 amended to read as follows:

1-44 (d) The fee proceeds shall be deposited to the credit of the
1-45 water resources management account and may be used only for the
1-46 purposes of Sections 367.007 and 367.008.

1-47 SECTION 3. Section 5.701(p), Water Code, is amended to read
1-48 as follows:

1-49 (p) Notwithstanding any other law, fees collected for
1-50 deposit to the water resource management account under the
1-51 following statutes may be appropriated and used to protect water
1-52 resources in this state, including assessment of water quality,
1-53 reasonably related to the activities of any of the persons required
1-54 to pay a fee under:

1-55 (1) Subsection (b), to the extent those fees are paid
1-56 by water districts, and Subsections (e), (f), and (n); or

1-57 (2) Section 54.037(c) ~~+, or~~

1-58 ~~[(3) Section 367.010, Health and Safety Code].~~

1-59 SECTION 4. (a) The changes in law made by this Act apply
1-60 only to an application for an on-site wastewater treatment permit

2-1 received by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality or an
2-2 authorized agent, as defined by Section 366.002, Health and Safety
2-3 Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. An application
2-4 received before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
2-5 law in effect on the date the application was received, and the
2-6 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2-7 (b) The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an
2-8 application for a grant under Section 367.008, Health and Safety
2-9 Code, as amended by this Act, submitted on or after the effective
2-10 date of this Act. An application for a grant submitted before the
2-11 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
2-12 date the application was submitted, and the former law is continued
2-13 in effect for that purpose.

2-14 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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