

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the acceptable methods for disposal of poultry  
3 carcasses.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 26.303(a), Water Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (a) The commission by rule shall adopt requirements for the  
8 safe and adequate handling, storage, transportation, and disposal  
9 of poultry carcasses. The rules must:

10 (1) specify the acceptable methods for disposal of  
11 poultry carcasses, including:

12 (A) placement in a landfill permitted by the  
13 commission to receive municipal solid waste;

14 (B) composting;

15 (C) cremation or incineration;

16 (D) extrusion;

17 (E) on-farm freezing;

18 (F) rendering; and

19 (G) [~~cooking for swine food, and~~

20 [~~(H)~~] any other method the commission determines  
21 to be appropriate;

22 (2) require poultry carcasses stored on the site of a  
23 poultry facility to be stored in a varmint-proof receptacle to  
24 prevent odor, leakage, or spillage;

1           (3) prohibit the storage of poultry carcasses on the  
2 site of a poultry facility for more than 72 hours unless the  
3 carcasses are refrigerated or frozen; and

4           (4) authorize the on-site burial of poultry carcasses  
5 only in the event of a major die-off that exceeds the capacity of a  
6 poultry facility to handle and dispose of poultry carcasses by the  
7 normal means used by the facility.

8           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

David Newkum

President of the Senate

Jim Caddick

Speaker of the House

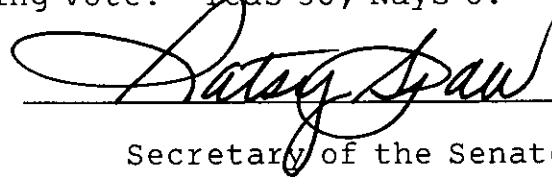
I certify that H.B. No. 1457 was passed by the House on April 27, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1457 on May 24, 2007, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 1457 on May 26, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 1457

I certify that H.B. No. 1457 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 1457 on May 27, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

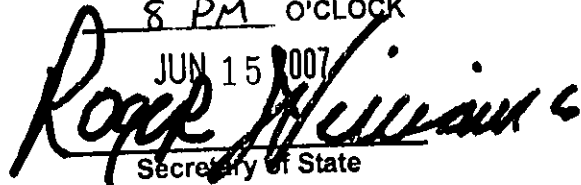
  
Secretary of the Senate

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