

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, Section 341.011(7), Texas Health and Safety Code, deems “a collection of water in which mosquitoes are breeding in the limits of a municipality” to be a public health nuisance. Unincorporated areas are not included in that definition. In Harris County, over 1.3 million people live outside any city limit. C.S.S.B. 185 amends Section 341.011(7) to limit its coverage to areas that serve as breeding sites for *Culex quinquefasciatus* mosquitoes that can transmit diseases regardless of the water collection’s location.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 341.011, Health and Safety Code, by adding that a collection of water in which mosquitoes are breeding in the limits of a municipality or a collection of water that is a breeding area for *Culex quinquefasciatus* mosquitoes that can transmit diseases regardless of the collection’s location is a public health nuisance.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1. Amends As Filed S.B. 185, Section 341.011(7), Health and Safety Code, to include the specific name of the mosquito that can transmit diseases.

SECTION 2. Changes the effective date.