

1-1 AN ACT
1-2 relating to authorizing the Texas Board of Health to exempt certain
1-3 projects from rules relating to asbestos abatement.
1-4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-5 SECTION 1. Section 12, Texas Asbestos Health Protection Act
1-6 (Article 4477-3a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by
1-7 adding Subsection (o) to read as follows:
1-8 (o) The board may exempt a demolition or renovation project
1-9 from the rules relating to demolition and renovation activities
1-10 adopted under Subsection (k) if:
1-11 (1) the project has received an exemption from the
1-12 United States Environmental Protection Agency exempting the project
1-13 from federal regulations; or
1-14 (2) the board determines that:
1-15 (A) the project will use methods for the
1-16 abatement or removal of asbestos that provide protection for the
1-17 public health and safety at least equivalent to the protection
1-18 provided by the procedures required under board rule for the
1-19 abatement or removal of asbestos; and
1-20 (B) the project does not violate federal law.
1-21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-1 Act takes effect September 1, 2001.

President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2844 was passed by the House on May 5, 2001, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2844 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2001, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____
Date

Governor