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Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Exempts the owner or operator of a grain dryer that has been in operation for at least ten years from the requirement to obtain an air pollution control permit to install for the prior installation or modification of that grain dryer.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Introduction

Current law authorizes the Director of Environmental Protection to adopt rules prohibiting the installation or modification of any air contaminant source unless an installation permit has been obtained from the Director or his authorized representative (sec. 3704.03(F), not in the bill). The rules specify that no person can cause, permit, or allow the installation of a new source of air pollutants or the modification of an air contaminant source without first obtaining a permit to install from the Director (OAC 3745-31-02(A)(1)).

Exception to permit to install requirement

The bill exempts the owner or operator of a grain dryer that has been in operation, as installed or modified, for a period of ten years from the requirement to obtain a permit to install for the prior installation or modification of that grain dryer (sec. 3704.10(B)). For purposes of the bill, "grain dryer" means a mechanical piece of equipment that passes heated air through grain to remove moisture from the grain so that it may be correctly stored or processed. The types of grain dryer to which the bill applies include, but are not limited to, rack, column, in-bin, belt, batch, pan, radiator column, or rotary system dryers or any other drying system designated by the Director. (Sec. 3704.10(A).)

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