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H.B. No. 2148

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to notification by the Texas Commission on Environmental
3 Quality of accidental discharge or spill threatening certain public
4 water systems.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 26, Water Code, is amended
7 by adding Section 26.0395 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 26.0395. NOTIFICATION OF ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OR SPILL
9 THREATENING CERTAIN PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS. As soon as possible
10 after the commission detects or becomes aware of an accidental
11 discharge or spill that threatens water that is a source for a
12 public water system and not later than the time the commission
13 notifies the news media of the accidental discharge or spill, the
14 commission shall notify the owner or operator of each public water
15 system that may be threatened by the accidental discharge or spill.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.