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H.B. No. 3179

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to electric power purchased for the ERCOT power region.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 39, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 39.159 to read as follows:

Sec. 39.159. RESTRICTION ON POWER PURCHASED FOR ERCOT POWER REGION. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the commission shall prohibit an independent organization certified under Section 39.151 for the ERCOT power region from purchasing more electricity on a daily basis from a facility capable of generating electricity for the ERCOT power region than the facility's base generation capacity.

(b) This section does not apply during a peak demand event declared by the commission.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.