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H.B. No. 2549

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to light pollution mitigation for wind turbine generators.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 35, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 35.0022 to read as follows:

Sec. 35.0022. WIND TURBINE LIGHT POLLUTION MITIGATION. (a)

The commission by rule shall require an electric utility, power generation company, or exempt wholesale generator that sells at wholesale electric energy produced by a wind turbine generator to mitigate light pollution from the wind turbine generator using a light mitigation technology system that complies with Federal Aviation Administration regulations. The rules must include:

(1) service and maintenance requirements;

(2) safety standards; and

(3) lighting system requirements.

(b) The commission may impose an administrative penalty on an entity, including a municipally owned utility or an electric cooperative, that violates a rule adopted under this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.