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H.B. No. 158

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation to charge a fee for transportation of utility service and placement of facilities along the Trans-Texas Corridor.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 201, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subchapter N to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER N. TRANS-TEXAS CORRIDOR

Sec. 201.961. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Trans-Texas Corridor" means the multiuse, statewide transportation corridor described by the department report adopted by the commission on June 27, 2002.

(2) "Utility" includes a public or private entity that provides, transmits, or transports:

(A) water or sewage service;

(B) telecommunications, cable, or other communications service;

(C) electric service; or

(D) petroleum and petroleum product pipeline service.

Sec. 201.962. FEES FOR UTILITIES. (a) The department may charge a utility a fee for placement of a facility in the Trans-Texas Corridor right-of-way in the amount and manner determined by the commission.

1 (b) The department may charge a utility a fee for the
2 transportation of utility service along the Trans-Texas Corridor's
3 dedicated utility zone in the amount and manner determined by the
4 commission.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.