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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the contents of a plan for the assessment or testing of a pipeline.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 118, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 118.0035 to read as follows:

Sec. 118.0035. PIPELINE ASSESSMENT OR TESTING METHODS. (a)

A plan must provide for assessment or testing of a pipeline by:

(1) in-line inspection;

(2) pressure test;

(3) direct assessment; or

(4) another method approved by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

(b) The Railroad Commission of Texas may conduct a hearing regarding the use of a pipeline assessment or testing method other than a method listed under Subsections (a)(1)-(3) before approving the use of the method under Subsection (a)(4).

SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

(b) The change in law made by this Act applies only to a plan for the assessment or testing of a pipeline filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas on or after the effective date of this Act. A plan filed with the commission before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for

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1 that purpose.