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H.B. No. 1194

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to pipeline safety fees.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 117, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 117.016 to read as follows:

Sec. 117.016. PIPELINE SAFETY FEES. (a) The commission by rule shall adopt reasonable fees to be assessed annually against operators of pipelines and pipeline facilities subject to this chapter.

(b) The commission by rule shall establish the method by which the fees will be calculated and assessed. In adopting a fee structure, the commission may consider any factors necessary to provide for the equitable allocation among operators of the costs of administering the commission's pipeline safety program under this chapter.

(c) The total amount of fees estimated to be collected under rules adopted by the commission under this section may not exceed the amount estimated by the commission to be necessary to recover the costs of administering the commission's pipeline safety program under this chapter, excluding costs that are fully funded by federal sources.

(d) A fee collected under this section shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund to be used for the pipeline safety program.

1 SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 121, Utilities Code, is
2 amended by adding Section 121.211 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 121.211. PIPELINE SAFETY FEES. (a) The railroad
4 commission by rule shall adopt reasonable fees to be assessed
5 annually against operators of pipelines and pipeline facilities
6 subject to this chapter.

7 (b) The railroad commission by rule shall establish the
8 method by which the fees will be calculated and assessed. In
9 adopting a fee structure, the railroad commission may consider any
10 factors necessary to provide for the equitable allocation among
11 operators of the costs of administering the railroad commission's
12 pipeline safety program under this chapter.

13 (c) The total amount of fees estimated to be collected under
14 rules adopted by the railroad commission under this section may not
15 exceed the amount estimated by the railroad commission to be
16 necessary to recover the costs of administering the railroad
17 commission's pipeline safety program under this chapter, excluding
18 costs that are fully funded by federal sources.

19 (d) A fee collected under this section shall be deposited to
20 the credit of the general revenue fund to be used for the pipeline
21 safety program.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.