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H.B. No. 2654

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to clarification of certain exemptions from requirements of pipeline assessment and testing.

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

SECTION 1. Section 118.002, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 118.002. PIPELINES FOR WHICH PLAN MAY BE REQUIRED.

(a) Except as provided in Subsection (b), the rules adopted under this chapter may apply to interstate pipelines, intrastate pipelines, portions of pipeline systems the regulation of which the federal government has temporarily delegated to the Railroad Commission of Texas, or gathering lines, and to pipelines for the transportation of any substance or material under the jurisdiction of the commission, as specified by the commission.

(b) Exempted from the application of this chapter are gathering lines outside:

(i) the limits of an incorporated or unincorporated city or village;

(ii) of any designated residential or commercial area such as residential subdivisions, businesses, shopping centers, or community development.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.