

1-1 By: Farabee (Senate Sponsor - Estes) H.B. No. 2654
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2003;
1-3 May 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
1-4 Resources; May 19, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 19, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to clarification of certain exemptions from requirements
1-9 of pipeline assessment and testing.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 118.002, Natural Resources Code, is
1-12 amended to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 118.002. PIPELINES FOR WHICH PLAN MAY BE REQUIRED. (a)
1-14 Except as provided by Subsection (b), the [The] rules adopted under
1-15 this chapter may apply to interstate pipelines, intrastate
1-16 pipelines, portions of pipeline systems the regulation of which the
1-17 federal government has temporarily delegated to the Railroad
1-18 Commission of Texas, or gathering lines, and to pipelines for the
1-19 transportation of any substance or material under the jurisdiction
1-20 of the commission, as specified by the commission.

1-21 (b) Exempted from the application of this chapter are
1-22 gathering lines outside:

1-23 (1) the limits of an incorporated or unincorporated
1-24 city or village;

1-25 (2) any designated residential or commercial area such
1-26 as residential subdivisions, businesses, shopping centers, or
1-27 community development.

1-28 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-29 a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house, as
1-30 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-31 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-32 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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