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S.B. No. 1484

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the acceptance of organization reports and permit
3 applications and approval of certificates of compliance by the
4 Railroad Commission of Texas.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 91.114, Natural
7 Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

8 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (d), the commission may
9 not accept an organization report required under Section 91.142 or
10 an application for a permit under this Chapter, Chapter 85, or
11 Chapter 26, 27, or 29, Water Code, or approve a certificate of
12 compliance under Section 85.161 if:

13 (1) the organization that submitted the report,
14 application, or certificate violated a statute or commission rule,
15 order, license, certificate, or permit that relates to safety or
16 the prevention or control of pollution; or

17 (2) a person who holds a position of ownership or
18 control in the organization has, within the seven [~~five~~] years
19 preceding the date on which the report, application, or certificate
20 is filed, held a position of ownership or control in another
21 organization and during that period of ownership or control the
22 other organization violated a statute or commission rule, order,
23 license, permit, or certificate that relates to safety or the
24 prevention or control of pollution.

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

6 (b) The change in law made by this Act applies only to an
7 organization report, permit application, or request for
8 certificate of compliance that is filed with the Railroad
9 Commission of Texas on or after the effective date of this Act.