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S.B. No. 1754

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the clarification of certain requirements regarding  
3 pipeline assessment, testing, and safety.

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

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

7 Sec. 118.002. PIPELINES FOR WHICH PLAN MAY BE REQUIRED.

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

15 (b) exempted from the application of this chapter are  
16 gathering lines outside: (i) the limits of an incorporated or  
17 unincorporated city or village; (ii) of any designated residential  
18 or commercial area such as residential subdivisions, businesses or  
19 shopping centers, or community development.

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