

By: Duncan

S.B. No. 1574

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 1574:

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C.S.S.B. No. 1574

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation by the Railroad Commission of Texas of the use of the surface of land in connection with certain activities associated with the exploration, development, or production of oil or gas.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 91, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Subchapter P to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER P. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS REGARDING USE OF SURFACE OF LAND IN CONNECTION WITH OIL AND GAS-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Sec. 91.701. STANDARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL POWER LINES. (a) An operator shall construct, operate, and maintain an electrical power line serving a well site or other surface facility employed in operations incident to oil and gas development and production in accordance with the National Electrical Code published by the National Fire Protection Association and adopted by the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation under Chapter 1305, Occupations Code.

(b) An operator shall de-energize an electrical power line to an inactive well or other inactive well-site equipment not later than the 90th day after the date the well or well-site equipment becomes inactive. The operator may re-energize a line to an inactive well or other inactive well-site equipment to restore production from the well, to monitor or control the well, or if the

1 commission approves re-energizing the line.

2 (c) The commission shall post on the commission's website
3 information regarding the standards for construction, operation,
4 and maintenance of electrical power lines described by Subsection
5 (a) that is sufficient to inform an operator regarding how to comply
6 with this section.

7 SECTION 2. The Railroad Commission of Texas shall adopt
8 rules to implement Subchapter P, Chapter 91, Natural Resources
9 Code, as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2008.

10 SECTION 3. An operator is not required to comply with
11 Section 91.701, Natural Resources Code, as added by this Act, until
12 the second anniversary of the date the Railroad Commission of Texas
13 complies with Subsection (c) of that section.

14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.