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S.B. No. 1667

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to the amount of an administrative penalty assessed by the Railroad Commission of Texas for a violation of the Texas Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Act or a permit issued under that act.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 134.174, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The penalty may not exceed \$10,000 [~~\$5,000~~] for each violation. Each day a violation continues may be considered a separate violation for purposes of penalty assessments.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to the assessment of an administrative penalty under Section 134.174, Natural Resources Code, for a violation that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act. The assessment of an administrative penalty under Section 134.174, Natural Resources Code, for a violation that occurs before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the violation occurred, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.