

Amend SB 686 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter A, Chapter 251, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 251.018 to read as follows:

Sec. 215.018. SUBSURFACE ACCESS IN RIGHT-OF-WAY. (a) A county may allow subsurface access to a county road right-of-way for the installation of a natural gas pipeline that does not interfere with existing utilities located in the right-of-way. The county may regulate the horizontal or vertical location of the pipeline within the right-of-way.

(b) The county may require a natural gas pipeline operator to relocate facilities at the cost of the operator to accomodate construction or expansion of the road or for any other public work.