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H.B. No. 737

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the duty to notify local governmental entities about the existence of proposed hazardous liquid pipeline projects.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 250, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 250.006 to read as follows:

Sec. 250.006. DUTY TO GIVE NOTICE OF PROPOSED HAZARDOUS LIQUID PIPELINE PROJECTS. (a) In this section:

(1) "Hazardous liquid" has the meaning assigned by Section 117.001, Natural Resources Code.

(2) "Local governmental entity" means a political subdivision of this state, or a local government corporation, board, commission, district, or authority to which a member is appointed by the county judge, the commissioners court of a county, the mayor of a municipality, or the governing body of a municipality.

(b) A person who is an officer or employee of a local governmental entity, on acquiring knowledge of a proposed pipeline project that may transport a hazardous liquid in or through the entity's boundaries or jurisdiction, shall promptly inform the entity of the existence of the proposed pipeline project.

(c) A local governmental entity that acquires knowledge from any source regarding a proposed pipeline project that may transport a hazardous liquid in or through the entity's boundaries

1 or jurisdiction shall promptly give written notice to any other
2 local governmental entity whose boundaries or jurisdiction may
3 reasonably be expected to be affected by the proposed pipeline
4 project.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.