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H.B. No. 3797

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to suspending the goal for renewable energy.

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

SECTION 1. Section 39.904, Utilities Code, is amended by amending Subsection (n) to read as follows:

(n) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commission shall have the authority to cap the price of renewable energy credits and may suspend the goal contained in Subsection (a) if such suspension is necessary to protect the reliability and operation of the grid. The commission shall suspend the goal contained in subsection (a) if a national renewable portfolio standard is enacted under federal law and such standard would, when combined with the goal in subsection (a), increase costs to consumers in this state.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.