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S.B. No. 1679

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a common purchaser that transports natural gas by pipeline to use a public right-of-way for a pipeline.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 111, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 111.0831 to read as follows:

Sec. 111.0831. AUTHORITY OF CERTAIN COMMON PURCHASERS TO USE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR PIPELINE. (a) A common purchaser as defined by Section 111.081(a)(2) has the right to lay and maintain a pipeline over, under, across, and along a public road or a municipal street or alley.

(b) A common purchaser may exercise authority under this section in relation to a municipal street or alley only with the consent of and subject to the direction of the governing body of the municipality.

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