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H.B. No. 2067

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of the practice of engineering by individuals engaged in the evaluation of oil and gas resources.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 1001, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1001.068 to read as follows:

Sec. 1001.068. CERTAIN OUT-OF-STATE ENGINEERS ENGAGED IN EVALUATING OIL AND GAS RESOURCES. (a) In this section, "evaluation of oil and gas resources" includes:

(1) the quantification of the volume of oil and gas reserves and resources in the subsurface of the earth;

(2) the determination of production forecasts for the reserves or resources; and

(3) the evaluation of the economic impact of the production forecasts.

(b) This chapter does not apply to the evaluation of oil and gas resources if the evaluation:

(1) is done by an engineer licensed in a state that does not prohibit engineers licensed under this chapter from engaging in the evaluation of oil and gas resources in that state;

(2) does not involve design, construction, or engineering assessments on the surface; and

(3) does not present a risk to public health or safety.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.