A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT
relating to the installation, maintenance, operation, and
relocation of saltwater pipeline facilities.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
SECTION 1. Chapter 91, Natural Resources Code, is amended
by adding Subchapter T to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER T. SALTWATER PIPELINES
Sec. 91.901. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:
(1) "Saltwater pipeline facility" means a pipeline
facility that conducts water containing salt and other substances
produced during drilling or operating natural gas and other types
of wells.
(2) "Saltwater pipeline operator" means a person who
owns, installs, manages, operates, leases, or controls a saltwater
pipeline facility.
Sec. 91.902. PIPELINE ON PUBLIC ROAD. A saltwater pipeline
operator is entitled to install, maintain, and operate a saltwater
pipeline facility through, under, along, across, or over a public
road only if:
(1) the pipeline facility complies with applicable:
(A) saltwater safety regulations adopted by the
commission relating to saltwater pipeline facilities;
(B) federal regulations relating to saltwater
(C) rules adopted by the commission and the Texas Transportation Commission and applicable federal, county, and municipal regulations regarding the accommodation of utility facilities on a public road or right-of-way, including regulations relating to the horizontal or vertical placement of the pipeline facility; and

(2) the saltwater pipeline operator ensures that the public road and associated facilities are promptly restored to their former condition of usefulness after the installation or maintenance of the pipeline facility is complete.

Sec. 91.903. RELOCATION OF SALTWATER PIPELINE FACILITY FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES. (a) Except as provided by Section 203.092, Transportation Code, the Texas Transportation Commission, the commissioners court of a county, or the governing body of a municipality may require a saltwater pipeline operator to relocate a saltwater pipeline facility at the cost of the saltwater pipeline operator to accommodate construction or expansion of a public road or for any other public work unless the saltwater pipeline operator has a property interest in the land occupied by the facility to be relocated.

(b) The Texas Transportation Commission, the commissioners court of a county, or the governing body of a municipality shall give to the saltwater pipeline operator 30 days' written notice of the requirement. The notice must identify the pipeline facility to be relocated and indicate the approximate location on the new right-of-way where the saltwater pipeline operator may place the facility.
Sec. 91.904. CONSTRUCTION OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter may not be construed to:

(1) limit the authority of a saltwater pipeline facility to use a public right-of-way under any other law; or

(2) affect the authority of a municipality to:

(A) regulate the use of a public right-of-way by a saltwater pipeline operator under any other law; or

(B) require payment of any applicable charge under Sections 182.025 and 182.026, Tax Code.

Sec. 91.905. APPLICATION OF OTHER LAW. Section 212.153(e), Local Government Code, and Sections 203.092, 224.008, and 502.1981(c)(4), Transportation Code, apply to saltwater pipeline operators and saltwater pipeline facilities in the same manner as they apply to utilities and utility facilities.

Sec. 91.906. RULES. The commission shall adopt rules to implement this subchapter.

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, 2013.