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S.B. No. 1139

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the exclusion of hospital facilities from a rolling  
3 blackout.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Utilities Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 38.006 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 38.006. EXCLUSION OF HOSPITAL FACILITIES FROM ROLLING  
8 BLACKOUT. The commission by rule shall require each electric  
9 utility, municipally owned utility, and electric cooperative to  
10 exclude any circuits that provide power to a hospital facility from  
11 participation in the utility's or cooperative's attempt to shed  
12 load in response to a rolling blackout initiated by the Electric  
13 Reliability Council of Texas or another reliability council or  
14 power pool in which the utility or cooperative operates.

15 SECTION 2. The Public Utility Commission of Texas shall  
16 adopt rules required by Section 38.006, Utilities Code, as added by  
17 this Act, as soon as possible after the effective date of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.