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H.B. No. 2558

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the length of a billing month for a propane gas customer.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 141, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 141.0031 to read as follows:

Sec. 141.0031. DAYS IN BILLING MONTH. (a) A customer's bill may not include charges for a period of more than:

(1) 32 days for a billing month in which the majority of days in the billing month occur in December, January, or February; or

(2) 31 days for a billing month in which the majority of days in the billing month occur in any other month.

(b) If an extreme condition occurs or continues on or after the 29th day of a billing month described by Subsection (a)(1), the billing month may be extended by the number of days the extreme condition occurs. Extreme conditions include:

(1) iced, flooded, closed, or otherwise impassable roads in the county in which the customer resides;

(2) a natural disaster, including an earthquake, a hurricane, a tornado, or winds of more than 60 miles per hour; and

(3) civil disruption, including war, riot, or labor disruption or stoppage.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only

1 to a billing month that begins on or after the effective date of
2 this Act. A billing month that begins before the effective date of
3 this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the billing
4 month began, and the former law is continued in effect for that
5 purpose.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.