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H.B. No. 3198

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to liability for the additional tax imposed on land  
3 appraised for ad valorem tax purposes as qualified open-space land  
4 in the event of a change of use of the land as a result of oil and gas  
5 operations.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 23.55, Tax Code, is amended by adding  
8 Subsection (s) to read as follows:

9 (s) The sanctions provided by Subsection (a) do not apply to  
10 a change in the use of land that occurs as a result of a lessee  
11 conducting oil and gas operations under a lease over which the  
12 Railroad Commission of Texas has jurisdiction under Section 81.051,  
13 Natural Resources Code.

14 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
15 to a change of use of land that occurs on or after the effective date  
16 of this Act. A change of use of land that occurred before the  
17 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the  
18 change of use occurred, and the former law is continued in effect  
19 for that purpose.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.