

1-1 By: Rodríguez S.B. No. 568
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 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources &
 1-4 Economic Development; April 27, 2017, reported adversely, with
 1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6,
 1-6 Nays 2, 2 present not voting; April 27, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-11				X
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1-16	X			
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1-18	X			
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1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 568 By: Rodríguez

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the posting by the Railroad Commission of Texas on its
 1-24 Internet website of certain enforcement information.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 81, Natural Resources
 1-27 Code, is amended by adding Section 81.071 to read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 81.071. ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION. (a) The commission
 1-29 shall post on the commission's Internet website:

1-30 (1) comprehensive information regarding the
 1-31 commission's enforcement of this title and rules, orders, licenses,
 1-32 permits, and certificates issued under this title, including
 1-33 information regarding:

1-34 (A) inspection and enforcement activity;

1-35 (B) violations; and

1-36 (C) the amount of penalties finally assessed;

1-37 (2) information evidencing quarterly trends regarding
 1-38 enforcement activity by the commission, including:

1-39 (A) the number of inspections conducted;

1-40 (B) the number of violations, categorized

1-41 according to the degree of severity of the violation and the

1-42 statute, rule, order, license, permit, or certificate violated, for

1-43 which enforcement action has been taken;

1-44 (C) the number of repeat violations determined to

1-45 have been committed; and

1-46 (D) the number of violations referred to the

1-47 attorney general for enforcement; and

1-48 (3) an analysis of annual trends regarding enforcement

1-49 activity by the commission.

1-50 (b) Information required to be posted under this section

1-51 must be:

1-52 (1) in a searchable format;

1-53 (2) organized by county, by operator or other entity,

1-54 and by well, if applicable; and

1-55 (3) capable of being downloaded in bulk.

1-56 SECTION 2. The Railroad Commission of Texas shall comply

1-57 with Section 81.071(b), Natural Resources Code, as added by this

1-58 Act, not later than January 1, 2019.

1-59 SECTION 3. The Railroad Commission of Texas shall implement

1-60 Section 81.071, Natural Resources Code, as added by this Act, using

2-1 only money that is appropriated to the commission by the General
2-2 Appropriations Act for the state fiscal biennium beginning
2-3 September 1, 2017, for public information and services and that is
2-4 available to be spent for the publication on the commission's
2-5 Internet website of information about the commission's inspection
2-6 and enforcement activities. If the commission determines that it
2-7 is not required to implement that statute because the legislature
2-8 has not appropriated money available for that purpose, the
2-9 commission shall notify the Legislative Budget Board of that
2-10 determination.

2-11 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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