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S.B. No. 973

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorization to enter onto property to survey for a proposed high-speed rail facility.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 112, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 112.0515 to read as follows:

Sec. 112.0515. ENTRY ONTO PROPERTY: EXAMINATION OR SURVEY FOR HIGH-SPEED RAIL. (a) In this section, "high-speed rail" means intercity passenger service that is reasonably expected to reach speeds of at least 110 miles per hour.

(b) A private entity may not enter on the lands or waters of any person or corporation under Section 112.051 to make an examination or survey, including a lineal survey, for a proposed high-speed rail facility unless the department has determined that the entity is a railroad company for the purposes of Section 112.002.

(c) The department by rule shall adopt procedures to implement this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.