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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the maintenance of records concerning pipeline
3 incidents.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 121, Utilities Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 121.216 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 121.216. PIPELINE INCIDENT RECORDS. (a) In this
8 section:

9 (1) "Pipeline incident" means an event involving a
10 release of gas from a pipeline that results in one or more of the
11 following consequences:

12 (A) a death or a personal injury necessitating
13 in-patient hospitalization;

14 (B) estimated property damage of \$50,000 or more,
15 including loss to the operator, loss to others, or both, but
16 excluding cost of gas lost; or

17 (C) unintentional estimated gas loss of three
18 million cubic feet or more.

19 (2) "State record" has the meaning assigned by Section
20 441.180, Government Code.

21 (b) The railroad commission shall retain state records of
22 the railroad commission regarding a pipeline incident perpetually.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.