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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the compatibility of a high-speed rail facility with multiple types of train technology.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 112, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 112.063 to read as follows:

Sec. 112.063. HIGH-SPEED RAIL TECHNOLOGIES. (a) In this section:

(1) "High-speed rail" means passenger service that is reasonably expected to reach speeds of at least 110 miles per hour.

(2) "Rail facility" has the meaning assigned by Section 91.001.

(b) A private entity that constructs a rail facility for high-speed rail service shall ensure that the rail facility:

(1) at a minimum, complies with regulations for that type of rail facility adopted by the Federal Railroad Administration in 49 C.F.R. Chapter II in effect on January 31, 2019, regardless of whether the rail facility is an intrastate or interstate facility or whether a waiver of federal law has been granted for the rail facility;

(2) is compatible with train technology that exists at the time construction begins; and

(3) does not interfere with the use of other rail facilities or train technologies in use at the time construction

1 begins.

2 (c) The department shall adopt rules as necessary to  
3 implement this section.

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