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H.B. No. 3479

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to cleanliness standards for pipelines crossing karst topographic areas.

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

SECTION 1. Section 117.012, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (p) to read as follows:

(p) The commission by rule shall establish cleanliness standards for intrastate pipelines transporting hazardous liquids through a karst topographic area.

SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 121, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 121.2017 to read as follows:

Sec. 121.2017. DISTRIBUTION THROUGH KARST AREA. The railroad commission by rule shall establish cleanliness standards for intrastate distribution gas pipelines that pass through a karst topographic area.

SECTION 3. The Railroad Commission of Texas shall adopt the rules required by Section 117.012(p), Natural Resources Code, as added by this Act, and Section 121.2017, Utilities Code, as added by this Act, not later than December 1, 2019.

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