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H.B. No. 3639

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to establishing reporting requirements for
3 telecommunications service providers regarding service
4 interruptions.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 64.053, Utilities Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) The commission may require a telecommunications service
9 provider to submit reports to the commission concerning any matter
10 over which it has authority under this chapter.

11 (b) The commission shall adopt rules requiring
12 telecommunications service providers to report significant
13 interruptions of service that occur as a result of any hurricane,
14 ice or snow storm, flood, or other weather-related event or natural
15 disaster. The rules may require telecommunications service
16 providers to submit plans for service restoration for service
17 interruptions lasting longer than 72 hours.

18 SECTION 2. Section 65.102(b), Utilities Code, is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the
21 commission has only the authority provided by this section over a
22 deregulated company that holds a certificate of operating authority
23 issued under this subchapter. Subject to Subsection (c), the
24 following provisions apply to a deregulated company and may be

1 enforced by the commission using the remedies provided by
2 Subchapter B, Chapter 15, and Subsection (d):

3 (1) Subchapter A, Chapter 15;

4 (2) Subchapters A, C, and D, Chapter 17, as applicable
5 to carriers holding a certificate of operating authority;

6 (3) Sections 52.007, 52.060, and 52.156;

7 (4) Sections 54.001, 54.002, 54.003, 54.004, 54.005,
8 54.006, 54.008(a), 54.101, 54.102, 54.103, 54.105, 54.151, 54.156,
9 54.158, 54.159, 54.255, 54.256, 54.257, 54.259, 54.260, and 54.261;

10 (5) Sections 55.010, 55.123, 55.133, 55.134, 55.136,
11 and 55.137;

12 (6) Chapter 56, except Subchapters F and G;

13 (7) Chapter 60;

14 (8) Chapter 62;

15 (9) Section 64.002, Section 64.053, and Subchapter E,
16 Chapter 64;

17 (10) Sections 65.001, 65.002, 65.003, and 65.004, this
18 subchapter, and Subchapter E of this chapter; and

19 (11) Chapter 66.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.