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H.B. No. 4060

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a program administered by the Railroad Commission of
3 Texas to provide grants to promote pipeline emergency preparedness;
4 authorizing a fee.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 81, Natural Resources
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 81.0715 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 81.0715. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FEES AND GRANTS. (a)

9 The commission by rule shall establish pipeline emergency
10 preparedness fees to be assessed for permits or registrations for
11 pipelines under the jurisdiction of the commission's pipeline
12 safety and regulatory program.

13 (b) Fees collected under this section shall be deposited to
14 the credit of a dedicated account in the general revenue fund.
15 Money in the account may be appropriated only for the purposes of
16 the grant program established by this section and associated
17 administrative expenses.

18 (c) The commission shall establish a grant program to
19 provide funding for emergency preparedness expenses, such as the
20 creation of evacuation plans for pipeline-related emergencies,
21 such as spills or leaks.

22 (d) The commission may provide a grant under this section
23 only to a political subdivision that:

24 (1) provides emergency services to respond to

1 pipeline-related emergencies; and

2 (2) is located within five miles of a pipeline.

3 (e) The commission may establish the fees in an amount
4 necessary to provide a reasonable amount of funding for the grant
5 program established by this section, based on emergency
6 preparedness expenses typically required by political subdivisions
7 for pipeline-related emergencies.

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