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H.B. No. 19

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to publication by the Railroad Commission of Texas of
3 certain information regarding natural gas flaring.

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

5 SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter B, Chapter 88, Natural
6 Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 SUBCHAPTER B. RULES AND INFORMATION

8 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 88, Natural Resources
9 Code, is amended by adding Section 88.014 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 88.014. PUBLICATION OF FLARING INFORMATION. (a) In
11 this section, "flaring intensity" means the amount of natural gas
12 flared per barrel of oil produced.

13 (b) On a monthly basis, the commission shall publish on the
14 commission's Internet website:

15 (1) the names of the operators who report the highest
16 20 levels of flaring; and

17 (2) for each operator named in Subdivision (1), the
18 level of flaring and flaring intensity.

19 (c) On an annual basis, the commission shall publish on the
20 commission's Internet website a report of all operators and each
21 operator's aggregate level of flaring and flaring intensity for the
22 year covered by the report.

23 (d) The commission shall base information published under
24 this section on the most current and comprehensive information

1 available to the commission.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the
3 last day of the legislative session.