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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility for grants for alternative fueling facilities.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 393.004(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, the [~~The~~] prioritization criteria established under Subsection (a) must provide that, for each grant round, the commission may not award a grant to an entity that does not agree to make the alternative fueling facility accessible and available to the public at times designated by the grant contract until each eligible entity that does agree to those terms has been awarded a grant. The prohibition imposed by this subsection does not apply to a facility that is:

(1)  owned or operated by a transit authority governed by Chapter 451 or 452, Transportation Code;

(2)  located in a county that has a population of more than one million; and

(3)  located in a nonattainment area or an affected county, as those terms are defined by Section 386.001.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to a grant round that begins on or after the effective date of this Act. A grant round that began before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the grant round began, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.