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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the exclusion of grocery stores from load shedding participation during a rolling blackout.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter D, Chapter 38, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 38.0721 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.0721.  EXCLUSION OF GROCERY STORES FROM ROLLING BLACKOUT. (a) The commission by rule shall require each electric utility, municipally owned utility, and electric cooperative to exclude any circuits that provide power to a grocery store from participation in the utility's or cooperative's attempt to shed load in response to a rolling blackout initiated by an independent organization certified under Section 39.151.

(b)  The commission by rule may adopt criteria to determine which grocery stores are entitled to be excluded from load shedding under Subsection (a).

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.