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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to publication by the Railroad Commission of Texas of certain information regarding natural gas flaring.

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

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

SUBCHAPTER B. RULES AND INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

(c) The commission shall base information published under this section on the most current and comprehensive information available to the commission.

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