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H.B. No. 1976

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to a study conducted by the Railroad Commission of Texas  
3 regarding reported gas flaring.

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

5 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "commission" means the  
6 Railroad Commission of Texas.

7 SECTION 2. STUDY. The commission shall conduct a study to:

8 (1) audit data reported to the commission on natural  
9 gas flaring and compare that data to satellite data on natural gas  
10 flaring acquired from the National Centers for Environmental  
11 Information at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
12 Administration;

13 (2) investigate the cause of any discrepancies in the  
14 data audited and compared under Subdivision (1) of this section;  
15 and

16 (3) determine legislative changes necessary to  
17 improve reporting and surveillance on natural gas flaring.

18 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than September 1, 2022, the  
19 commission shall submit to the legislature a written report  
20 containing the findings of the study conducted under this Act and  
21 the commission's recommendations for any legislation resulting  
22 from the study.

23 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2023.

24 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September

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