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H.B. No. 3181

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the weather emergency preparedness of facilities for providing electric service.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 35, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 35.0021 to read as follows:

Sec. 35.0021. WEATHER EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS. (a) The commission by rule shall require each provider of generation in the ERCOT power region to implement measures to prepare the provider's generation facilities to provide full electric generation service at ambient temperatures between 0 degrees Fahrenheit and 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

(b) The commission shall reduce the base capacity rating of a generation facility that is operated in violation of a rule adopted under Subsection (a) by 10 percent annually until the generation facility is no longer in violation or until the base capacity rating is reduced to zero.

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