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H.B. No. 3475

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the exclusion of grocery stores from load shedding  
3 participation during a rolling blackout.

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

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

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

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

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