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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the adequacy of service provided by gas utilities.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 104.252, Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 104.252.  AUTHORITY OF REGULATORY AUTHORITY CONCERNING STANDARDS. (a) A regulatory authority, on its own motion or on complaint and after reasonable notice and hearing, may[~~:~~

[~~(1)~~]  adopt just and reasonable standards, classifications, regulations, or practices a gas utility must follow in furnishing a service.

(b)  A regulatory authority shall:

(1)  [~~;~~

[~~(2)~~]  adopt adequate and reasonable standards for measuring a condition, including quantity, quality, and pressure relating to the furnishing of a service;

(2) [~~(3)~~]  adopt reasonable regulations for examining, testing, and measuring a service; and

(3) [~~(4)~~]  adopt or approve reasonable rules, regulations, specifications, and standards to ensure the accuracy of equipment, including meters and instruments, used to measure a service.

SECTION 2.  The heading to Section 121.213, Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 121.213.  INSTALLATION, REMOVAL, [~~AND~~] REPLACEMENT, AND MONITORING OF CERTAIN PIPELINES.

SECTION 3.  Section 121.213, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f)  The railroad commission shall monitor the amount of pipeline pressure maintained in distribution gas pipeline facilities.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.