1	AN ACT
2	relating to the enforcement of certain federal laws regulating oil
3	and gas operations within the State of Texas.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
5	SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 3, Natural Resources Code, is
6	amended by adding Chapter 82 to read as follows:
7	CHAPTER 82. ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL LAWS
8	Sec. 82.0101. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "oil and gas
9	operation" has the meaning assigned by Section 81.0523.
10	Sec. 82.0102. ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAWS
11	REGULATING OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS. (a) An agency of this state or a
12	person employed by an agency of this state may not contract with or
13	in any other manner provide assistance to a federal agency or
14	official with respect to the enforcement of a federal statute,
15	order, rule, or regulation purporting to regulate oil and gas
16	operations if the statute, order, rule, or regulation imposes a
17	prohibition, restriction, or other regulation that does not exist
18	under the laws of this state.
19	(b) The attorney general shall defend any agency of this
20	state that the federal government attempts to sue for an action or
21	omission consistent with the requirements of this section.
22	(c) This section does not prohibit a state agency from:
23	(1) implementing a federal law by executing authority
24	delegated to the state agency by a federal agency; or

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- 1 (2) entering into a memorandum of understanding with a
- 2 federal agency to implement a federal law, if otherwise authorized
- 3 by state law.
- 4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 8 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate	Speaker of the House
I certify that H.B. No.	33 was passed by the House on May 5,
2023, by the following vote	: Yeas 99, Nays 44, 1 present, not
voting; and that the House co	oncurred in Senate amendments to H.B.
No. 33 on May 25, 2023, by the	following vote: Yeas 107, Nays 34, 3
present, not voting.	
	Chief Clerk of the House
I certify that H.B. No	o. 33 was passed by the Senate, with
amendments, on May 22, 2023,	by the following vote: Yeas 19, Nays
12.	
	Secretary of the Senate
APPROVED:	
Date	
2400	
Governor	