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H.B. No. 578

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the adoption of a comprehensive plan to protect oil and gas infrastructure in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 81, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 81.0661 to read as follows:

Sec. 81.0661. OIL AND GAS INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION PLAN.

(a) The commission shall develop and adopt a comprehensive plan to protect this state's oil and gas infrastructure, including wellheads and pipelines, from:

(1) natural disasters;

(2) severe weather events;

(3) cybersecurity threats;

(4) acts of terrorism;

(5) widespread power outages; and

(6) other potential threats to this state's oil and gas infrastructure.

(b) The commission may seek input from stakeholders when developing the plan.

(c) The commission shall periodically update the plan developed under this section.

SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2024, the Railroad Commission of Texas shall adopt the initial oil and gas infrastructure protection plan required under Section 81.0661,

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1 Natural Resources Code, as added by this Act.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.