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H.B. No. 4117

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) [~~(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:

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

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

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

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