S.B. No. 1198

AN ACT

relating to the designation of spaceports as critical infrastructure facilities for purposes of criminal and civil liability.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 424.001, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 424.001.  DEFINITION. In this chapter, "critical infrastructure facility" has the meaning assigned by Section 423.0045(a)(1-a) and also includes:

(1)  any pipeline transporting oil or gas or the products or constituents of oil or gas;

(2)  a public or private airport depicted in any current aeronautical chart published by the Federal Aviation Administration;

(3)  a military installation owned or operated by or for the federal government, this state, or another governmental entity; [~~and~~]

(4)  any property, including a temporary hazard area related to the operation of a launch complex authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration, or facility used for the launch, landing, recovery, or testing of spacecraft, as defined by Section 507.001, Local Government Code; and

(5)  a property, facility, or pipeline described by this section that is under construction and all equipment and appurtenances used during that construction.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that date.

SECTION 3.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to a cause of action that accrues on or after the effective date of this Act. A cause of action that accrues before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the cause of action accrued, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1198 passed the Senate on March 24, 2025, by the following vote:  Yeas 30, Nays 1; May 26, 2025, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 27, 2025, House granted request of the Senate; May 30, 2025, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote:  Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1198 passed the House, with amendments, on May 23, 2025, by the following vote:  Yeas 121, Nays 17, two present not voting; May 27, 2025, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 30, 2025, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote:  Yeas 118, Nays 14, two present not voting.

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Approved:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_            Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_           Governor