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H.B. No. 4232

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the maintenance of certain improvements associated with oil and gas development and production; authorizing an administrative penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 91, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 91.021 to read as follows:

Sec. 91.021. MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS. (a) An operator of a well drilled for oil or gas shall maintain in accordance with rules adopted by the commission all land and infrastructure that is:

(1) associated with operations incident to oil and gas development production; and

(2) located between the wellhead and a highway, as defined by Section 366.003, Transportation Code.

(b) If the commission determines that a person has violated a rule adopted under this section, the commission shall assess a penalty against the person in the manner provided by Sections 81.0532 through 81.0534 for assessing an administrative penalty under Section 81.0531.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.