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S.B. No. 1054

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the criminal offense of oil and gas equipment theft.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 31.19, Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 31.19. THEFT OF PETROLEUM PRODUCT OR OIL AND GAS EQUIPMENT.

SECTION 2. Section 31.19, Penal Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (c), and (d) and adding Subsections (b-1), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

(a) In this section:

(1) "Oil and gas equipment" means machinery, drilling equipment, welding equipment, pipeline equipment, fittings, pumps, vehicles, or other equipment and materials that are part of or incident to the exploration, development, maintenance, and operation of oil and gas properties, including oil and gas wells, oil and gas leases, gasoline plants, and refineries.

(2) "Petroleum [~~,"~~ "petroleum]" means crude oil, natural gas, or condensate.

(b-1) A person commits an offense if the person unlawfully appropriates oil and gas equipment with intent to deprive the owner of the oil and gas equipment by possessing, removing, delivering, receiving, purchasing, selling, moving, concealing, or

1 transporting the oil and gas equipment.

2 (c) Appropriation of a petroleum product or oil and gas  
3 equipment is unlawful if it is without the owner's effective  
4 consent.

5 (d) An offense under Subsection (b) [~~this section~~] is:

6 (1) a state jail felony if the total value of the  
7 petroleum product appropriated is less than \$10,000;

8 (2) a felony of the third degree if the total value of  
9 the petroleum product appropriated is \$10,000 or more but less than  
10 \$100,000;

11 (3) a felony of the second degree if the total value of  
12 the petroleum product appropriated is \$100,000 or more but less  
13 than \$300,000; or

14 (4) a felony of the first degree if the total value of  
15 the petroleum product appropriated is \$300,000 or more.

16 (e) An offense under Subsection (b-1) is:

17 (1) a state jail felony if the total value of the oil  
18 and gas equipment appropriated is \$2,500 or more but less than  
19 \$10,000;

20 (2) a felony of the third degree if the total value of  
21 the oil and gas equipment appropriated is \$10,000 or more but less  
22 than \$100,000;

23 (3) a felony of the second degree if the total value of  
24 the oil and gas equipment appropriated is \$100,000 or more but less  
25 than \$300,000; or

26 (4) a felony of the first degree if the total value of  
27 the oil and gas equipment appropriated is \$300,000 or more.

1            (f) If conduct constituting an offense under this section is  
2 also an offense under another law, the actor may be prosecuted under  
3 this section, the other law, or both.

4            SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.