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S.B. No. 1198

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the designation of spaceports as critical
3 infrastructure facilities for purposes of criminal and civil
4 liability.

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

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

8 Sec. 424.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "critical
9 infrastructure facility" has the meaning assigned by Section
10 423.0045(a)(1-a) and also includes:

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

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

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

19 (4) any property or facility that is:

20 (A) used for the launch, landing, or recovery of
21 spacecraft, as defined by Section 507.001, Local Government Code;
22 and

23 (B) licensed by the Federal Aviation
24 Administration or operated by a spaceport development corporation

1 under Chapter 507, Local Government Code; and

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

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

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

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