

AN ACT

relating to clarification of certain exemptions from requirements of pipeline assessment and testing.

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

SECTION 1. Section 118.002, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 118.002. PIPELINES FOR WHICH PLAN MAY BE REQUIRED. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), the [The] rules adopted under this chapter may apply to interstate pipelines, intrastate pipelines, portions of pipeline systems the regulation of which the federal government has temporarily delegated to the Railroad Commission of Texas, or gathering lines, and to pipelines for the transportation of any substance or material under the jurisdiction of the commission, as specified by the commission.

(b) Exempted from the application of this chapter are gathering lines outside:

(1) the limits of an incorporated or unincorporated city or village;

(2) any designated residential or commercial area such as residential subdivisions, businesses, shopping centers, or community development.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

David Newburn

President of the Senate

Jim Cradick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2654 was passed by the House on April 30, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2654 was passed by the Senate on May 27, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor

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Secretary of State