

AN ACT

relating to transactions involving oil, gas, or condensate;  
creating a criminal offense.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter K, Chapter 85, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 85.390 to read as follows:

Sec. 85.390. TRANSACTION WITHOUT APPROVAL, AUTHORIZATION, OR PERMIT. (a) A person who is not a pipeline operator or gatherer authorized to operate by the commission commits an offense if the person recklessly possesses, transports, removes, delivers, accepts, purchases, sells, or physically moves oil, gas, or condensate as part of a transaction for which the commission requires a permit or commission approval or authorization unless the commission has:

(1) issued a permit, approval, or authorization for the transaction; or

(2) received a request for a permit, approval, or authorization for the transaction and the request is pending before the commission.

(b) An offense under this section is a felony of the second degree.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3291 was passed by the House on April 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3291 on May 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 128, Nays 3, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3291 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor