

CHAPTER 281

H.B. No. 2680

AN ACT

relating to certain activities near a site related to the superconducting super collider; providing penalties.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. In this Act:

(1) "Interaction region of the super collider" means an area above, below, or adjacent to a tunnel or other improvement used in any way with the super collider or an area designated by the United States Department of Energy as an interaction region of the super collider.

(2) "Super collider" means the superconducting super collider scientific project constructed and operated in Ellis County.

SECTION 2. A person may not conduct blasting, rock quarry operations, or another activity that causes ground motion in excess of one micron in frequencies of five hertz or less as measured at an interaction region of the super collider.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Energy may bring an action to enjoin a violation of this Act.

SECTION 4. (a) A person who violates this Act commits an offense.

(b) An offense under this section is punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$1,000, confinement in jail for not more than one year, or both.

SECTION 5. Subchapter H, Chapter 231, Local Government Code, is repealed, and a regulation adopted under that subchapter or an interlocal agreement entered to carry out that subchapter is void.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 7. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on April 29, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 12, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 24, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.