

## CHAPTER 394

## S.B. No. 271

## AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Railroad Commission of Texas to implement conservation and distribution plans for alternative fuels.

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

SECTION 1. Section 113.241, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 113.241. RULES REGARDING RESEARCH AND EDUCATION. The commission may adopt all necessary rules relating to *the purposes of this subchapter and activities* ~~[conducting research and educating the public]~~ regarding the use of LPG and other environmentally beneficial alternative fuels that are or have the potential to be effective in improving the quality of air in this state.

SECTION 2. Subsection (c), Section 113.243, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The fund may be used only by the commission to pay for activities relating to the specific fuel from which the fee was derived, including direct and indirect costs relating to:

(1) researching all possible uses of LPG and other alternative fuels to enhance air quality;

(2) researching, developing, and implementing marketing, advertising, and informational programs relating to alternative fuels to make alternative fuels more understandable and readily available to consumers;

(3) developing *and implementing* conservation and distribution plans to minimize the frequency and severity of disruptions in the supply of alternative fuels;

(4) developing a public information plan that will provide advisory services relating to alternative fuels to consumers;

(5) developing voluntary participation plans to promote the use of alternative fuels by federal, state, and local agencies;

(6) other functions the commission determines are necessary to add to a program established by the commission for the purpose of promoting the use of LPG or other environmentally beneficial alternative fuels; and

(7) the administrative costs incurred by the commission under this subchapter.

SECTION 3. 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 the Senate on March 4, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House on May 22, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 2, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.