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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a lighting reduction policy for nonessential outdoor lighting owned or operated by a political subdivision.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 305, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C. LIGHTING

Sec. 305.051. LIGHTS OUT POLICY. (a) In this section:

(1) "Migration season" means the periods of time:

(A) beginning April 1 and ending June 1; and

(B) beginning September 1 and ending November 1.

(2) "Nonessential outdoor lighting" means lighting that is viewable outdoors and is not considered essential for safety or functionality, as determined by a political subdivision.

(b) The governing body of a political subdivision shall adopt an ordinance, order, or regulation that requires nonessential outdoor lighting owned or operated by the political subdivision to be:

(1) turned off between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. during migration season;

(2) reduced in natural spaces, including in trees and gardens; and

(3) as applicable, aimed downward and to use light shields or motion detectors to reduce the amount of light shining

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1 into the sky or trees.

2       SECTION 2.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.