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S.B. No. 783

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a municipality or county to regulate the use of an appliance, system, or component that is fueled by natural gas or propane.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 250, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 250.014 to read as follows:

Sec. 250.014. CERTAIN REGULATIONS OF NATURAL GAS OR PROPANE APPLIANCES PROHIBITED. (a) A municipality or county may not adopt or enforce an ordinance, order, or other regulation that prohibits or restricts, directly or indirectly, the use of an appliance, system, or component that is fueled by natural gas or propane in the construction, renovation, maintenance, or alteration of a residential or commercial building.

(b) This section does not prohibit a municipality or county from using an appliance, system, or component powered by any energy source on property owned by the municipality or county.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.