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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to requiring certain information regarding critical care  
3 residential designation to be printed on bills for residential  
4 electric service.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 39, Utilities Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 39.911 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 39.911. CRITICAL CARE RESIDENTIAL DESIGNATION NOTICE.

9 A retail electric provider shall print prominently on bills for  
10 residential electric service the following notices:

11 "If you or someone in your home must have the use  
12 of electricity for a medical reason, you may qualify to  
13 be a 'critical care residential customer' to keep your  
14 electricity from being turned off. For more  
15 information, contact the electric company at: (specify  
16 appropriate telephone number(s))."

17 "Si Ud. o alguien en su casa tiene alguna  
18 condición médica que resulta en la necesidad de tener  
19 la electricidad activada, es posible que Ud. califique  
20 para "Cuidado Critico Residencial." Para más  
21 información, llame a su compañía de electricidad a:  
22 (specify appropriate telephone number(s))."

23 SECTION 2. A retail electric provider shall print on each  
24 bill for residential electric service it issues on or after January

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1 1, 2006, the notices specified by Section 39.911, Utilities Code,  
2 as added by this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.