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H.B. No. 467

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an energy efficiency products pilot program.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 31, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 31.006 to read as follows:

Sec. 31.006. ENERGY EFFICIENCY PRODUCTS PILOT PROGRAM. (a)

The commission shall develop and implement a pilot program that requires an electric utility to establish a program that enables building owners and tenants to obtain and install energy efficiency products and to pay for the products through the use of a monthly energy services charge.

(b) In developing the program, the commission must ensure that:

(1) the monthly energy services charge for a product that is not portable is assigned to the meter location and not to the individual customer;

(2) sufficient notice of the monthly energy services charge is provided to subsequent owners and tenants;

(3) service may be disconnected for nonpayment of the monthly energy services charge;

(4) the monthly energy services charge is lower than the estimated savings that will accrue from using the product; and

(5) there is an independent certification that products are appropriate and that the savings exceed the costs.

1 (c) The commission shall require at least one electric
2 utility inside ERCOT and one electric utility outside ERCOT to
3 establish the program.

4 (d) Not later than December 15, 2008, the commission shall
5 submit a report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the
6 electric utility restructuring legislative oversight committee
7 that:

8 (1) describes the operation of the pilot program;

9 (2) analyzes the effect of the pilot program in
10 reducing energy consumption and energy costs; and

11 (3) makes recommendations regarding any necessary
12 changes to the pilot program.

13 (e) Not later than December 15, 2010, the commission shall
14 submit a report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the
15 electric utility restructuring legislative oversight committee
16 that:

17 (1) describes the continuing operation of the pilot
18 program;

19 (2) analyzes the continuing effect of the pilot
20 program in reducing energy consumption and energy costs; and

21 (3) makes recommendations regarding the continuation
22 or expansion of the pilot program.

23 (f) This section expires September 1, 2011.

24 SECTION 2. The Public Utility Commission of Texas shall
25 implement the pilot program required by Section 31.006, Utilities
26 Code, as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2008.

27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.