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H.B. No. 3251

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a requirement that electric utilities and natural gas  
3 utilities notify the owner and manager of a multiunit residential  
4 property on the disconnection of service of a resident.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 2, Utilities Code, is amended  
7 by adding Chapter 18 to read as follows:

8 CHAPTER 18. PUBLIC SAFETY PROVISIONS

9 Sec. 18.001. NOTICE OF DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE. To  
10 protect residents of a multiunit residential property from  
11 potential fire hazards, the commission by rule shall require an  
12 electric utility or natural gas utility to immediately notify the  
13 owner and manager of the property when the utility disconnects the  
14 submetered electric or natural gas service of a resident of the  
15 property.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.