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H.B. No. 489

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to customer protections related to smart thermostat  
3 services marketing and contracts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 17, Utilities Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 17.010 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 17.010. CUSTOMER PROTECTION; SMART THERMOSTATS. (a)

8 The commission shall ensure that a retail electric provider or  
9 aggregator that offers to residential or small commercial customers  
10 a product or service related to smart thermostats provides to the  
11 customers in marketing communications and contract materials clear  
12 descriptions in plain language of the product or service, of the  
13 contract terms, and of customers' rights.

14 (b) The commission shall adopt and enforce rules as  
15 necessary to implement this section. Rules adopted under this  
16 section must be at least as protective of customers' interests as  
17 general commission rules regarding marketing of and contracting for  
18 electric services for residential and small commercial customers.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.