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By:  Cain H.B. No. 4503

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to municipal or county authority to prohibit the use of natural gas utility service in a building.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 250, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 250.012 to read as follows:

Sec. 250.012.  NATURAL GAS UTILITY SERVICE. Notwithstanding any other law, a municipality or county may not adopt or enforce an ordinance, order, or other regulation that prohibits the use of natural gas utility service in a building as a condition to receive a permit or other approval required to construct or improve the building.

SECTION 2.  The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an application for a permit or other approval filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.