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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to certain regulations adopted by a governmental entity
- 3 restricting the use of a natural gas or propane appliance or other
- 4 system or component.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Chapter 3000, Government Code, is amended by
- 7 adding Section 3000.0021 to read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 3000.0021. CERTAIN REGULATIONS REGARDING RESTRICTION
- 9 OF NATURAL GAS OR PROPANE. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a
- 10 governmental entity may not adopt or enforce a rule, charter
- 11 provision, ordinance, order, or other regulation that prohibits or
- 12 restricts, directly or indirectly, the use of an appliance or other
- 13 system or component that is fueled by natural gas or propane in the
- 14 construction, renovation, maintenance, or alteration of a
- 15 residential or commercial building.
- (b) A rule, charter provision, ordinance, order, or other
- 17 regulation adopted by a governmental entity that conflicts with
- 18 this section is void.
- 19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.