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H.B. No. 1501

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain regulations adopted by governmental entities
restricting the use of natural gas or propane.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 3000, Government Code, is amended by
adding Section 3000.0021 to read as follows:

Sec. 3000.0021. CERTAIN REGULATIONS REGARDING RESTRICTION
OF NATURAL GAS OR PROPANE. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a
governmental entity may not adopt or enforce a rule, charter
provision, ordinance, order, or other regulation that prohibits or
restricts, directly or indirectly, the use of natural gas or
propane or the connection to any utility provider lawfully
operating in this state in the construction, renovation,
maintenance, or alteration of a residential or commercial
structure.

(b) A rule, charter provision, ordinance, order, or other
regulation adopted by a governmental entity that conflicts with
this section is void.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.