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H.B. No. 3167

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to protection for residential electric customers from
3 disconnection of retail electric service in certain weather
4 conditions.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 39.101(h), Utilities Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (h) A retail electric provider, power generation company,
9 aggregator, or other entity that provides retail electric service
10 may not disconnect service to a residential customer during an
11 extreme weather emergency or on a weekend day. The entity providing
12 service shall defer collection of the full payment of bills that are
13 due during an extreme weather emergency until after the emergency
14 is over and shall work with customers to establish a pay schedule
15 for deferred bills. For purposes of this subsection, "extreme
16 weather emergency" means a period when:

17 (1) the previous day's highest temperature did not
18 exceed 32 degrees Fahrenheit and the temperature is predicted to
19 remain at or below that level for the next 24 hours according to the
20 nearest National Weather Service reports; ~~or~~

21 (2) the temperature exceeds 90 degrees Fahrenheit and
22 the temperature is predicted to remain at or above that level for
23 the next 24 hours according to the nearest National Weather Service
24 reports; or

1 (3) the National Weather Service issues a heat
2 advisory for any county in the relevant service territory, or when
3 such an advisory has been issued on any one of the previous two
4 calendar days.

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