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H.B. No. 743

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of a municipality or county to regulate  
3 the use of an appliance, system, or component that is fueled by  
4 natural gas or propane.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 250, Local Government Code, is amended  
7 by adding Section 250.014 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 250.014. CERTAIN REGULATIONS OF NATURAL GAS OR PROPANE  
9 APPLIANCES PROHIBITED. (a) A municipality or county may not adopt  
10 or enforce an ordinance, order, or other regulation that prohibits  
11 or restricts, directly or indirectly, the use of an appliance,  
12 system, or component that is fueled by natural gas or propane in the  
13 construction, renovation, maintenance, or alteration of a  
14 residential or commercial building.

15 (b) This section does not prohibit a municipality or county  
16 from using an appliance, system, or component powered by any energy  
17 source on property owned by the municipality or county.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.