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S.B. No. 271

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain retail electric customers for designation as critical care residential customers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 17.002(3-a), Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

(3-a) "Critical care residential customer" means a residential customer who has a person permanently residing in the customer's home who has been diagnosed by a physician as being dependent upon:

(A) an electric-powered medical device to sustain life; or

(B) an elevator to access or exit the customer's home.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.