

HOUSE BILL 2790

By Holt

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7;  
Title 47, Chapter 18 and Title 65, relative to smart  
meters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following language as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Electric utility" means any public utility as defined in § 65-4-101 that  
is engaged in the sale or distribution of electricity ultimately sold to the public;

(2) "Natural gas utility" means any public utility as defined in § 65-4-101  
that is engaged in the sale or distribution of natural gas ultimately sold to the  
public; and

(3) "Smart meter" means any electric or natural gas utility meter, utility  
meter component, utility meter load control device or any device ancillary to the  
utility meter that:

(A) Is located on or in a customer's residence, business, or  
structure; and

(B) Communicates with, monitors, measures, records, reports,  
stores, restricts, or regulates electrical or natural gas powered appliances,  
equipment, or devices.

(b) No electric or natural gas utility that sells or provides electricity or natural gas  
in this state shall:

(1) Install a smart meter on or in a customer's residence, business, or structure without the customer's written and signed consent;

(2) Discontinue service to a customer if the customer declines to install or use a smart meter;

(3) Charge a customer any fee for not installing or using a smart meter;

or

(4) Charge a customer any fee to remove a smart meter from the customer's residence, business, or structure.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.