SENATE BILL 2571

By Crowe

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 as a new section:

- (a) As used in this section:
- (1) "Electric utility" means a public utility as defined in § 65-4-101 that is engaged in the sale or distribution of electricity sold to the public in this state;
- (2) "Natural gas utility" means a public utility as defined in § 65-4-101 that is engaged in the sale or distribution of natural gas sold to the public in this state; and
- (3) "Smart meter" means an electric utility or natural gas utility meter, utility meter component, utility meter load control device, or a 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) An electric utility or natural gas utility shall not use data or information acquired by a smart meter for a purpose other than billing the applicable customer. SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.