

SENATE BILL 2590

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 32, is amended by adding the following language as a new part:

65-32-201.

As used in this part, "smart meter gateway device" 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 is located at a customer's residence or business and that serves as a communication gateway or portal to electrical or natural gas powered appliances, equipment, or devices within the customer's residence or business, or that otherwise communicates with, monitors, measures, records, reports, stores, restricts, or regulates such electrical or natural gas powered appliances, equipment, or devices.

65-32-202.

No utility shall charge its customers whose utility services are provided through the use of a smart meter gateway device and whose utility services have been disconnected due to nonpayment a fee or any combination of fees to reconnect utility services.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.