

SENATE BILL 2387

By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7;
Title 65; Title 68 and Title 69, relative to utilities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

68-1-120.

(a) As used in this section, "utility" means:

(1) An entity subject to the jurisdiction of the Tennessee board of utility regulation, in accordance with § 7-82-701;

(2) A cooperative, as defined in § 65-25-102; or

(3) A county-owned or municipality-owned utility that provides electric, natural gas, or water and wastewater services to the public.

(b) A utility shall not terminate or otherwise interrupt utility service to its customers on a day for which the national weather service has issued a heat advisory or excessive heat warning for an area for which the utility provides services, or for two (2) days following the issuance of the heat advisory or excessive heat warning.

(c) If a utility:

(1) As described in subdivision (a)(1) or (2), is reported to have violated subsection (b), then the comptroller of the treasury, or the comptroller's designee, shall refer the utility to the Tennessee board of utility regulation to order reasonable sanctions against the utility; or

(2) As described in subdivision (a)(3), is reported to have violated subsection (b), then the comptroller of the treasury, or the comptroller's designee, shall impose reasonable sanctions against the utility.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.