

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to rural electric cooperatives;  
3       amending s. 425.041, F.S.; prohibiting a cooperative  
4       that sells electricity at retail from adopting,  
5       enacting, or enforcing a fee meeting specified  
6       criteria; revising the applicability of such  
7       prohibition on the types or fuel sources of energy  
8       production which may be used, delivered, converted, or  
9       supplied by specified entities; providing an effective  
10      date.

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12   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14           **Section 1.   Section 425.041, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
15 **to read:**

16       425.041   Prohibited fees, bylaws, tariffs, and policies.—A  
17   cooperative which sells electricity at retail may not adopt,  
18   enact, or enforce any fee, including a lot fee, developer fee,  
19   or surcharge, or any bylaw, tariff, or policy, ~~or take any other~~  
20   ~~action,~~ that restricts or prohibits or has the effect of  
21   restricting or prohibiting:

22       (1)   The types or fuel sources of energy production which  
23   may be used, delivered, converted, or supplied by the entities  
24   listed in s. 366.032(1)(b)-(e) ~~s. 366.032~~   ~~(1)~~ to serve  
25   customers that such entities are authorized to serve.

(2) The use of an appliance, including a stove or grill, which uses the types or fuel sources of energy production which may be used, delivered, converted, or supplied by the entities listed in s. 366.032(1). As used in this subsection, the term "appliance" means a device or apparatus manufactured and designed to use energy and for which the Florida Building Code or the Florida Fire Prevention Code provides specific requirements.

**Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.