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H. F. No. 4812

03/11/2024 Authored by Scott, Novotny, Dotseth and Knudsen The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Climate and Energy Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to utilities; requiring electric utilities to obtain consent to install certain
1.3 electric meters; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. 216B.076] SMART METER GATEWAY DEVICE; CONSENT.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.7 the meanings given.

1.8 (b) "Electric utility" has the meaning given in section 216B.38, subdivision 5.

1.9 (c) "Smart meter gateway device" means any electric utility meter, electric utility meter
1.10 component, electric utility load control device, or device ancillary to the electric utility
1.11 meter that is located at an end user's residence or business and: (1) serves as a
1.12 communications gateway or portal to electrical appliances, electrical equipment, or electrical
1.13 devices within the end user's residence or business; or (2) otherwise communicates with,
1.14 monitors, or controls electrical appliances, electrical equipment, or electrical devices within
1.15 the end user's residence or business.

1.16 Subd. 2. Property owner consent required. (a) An electric utility that sells or provides
1.17 electricity in Minnesota is prohibited from installing a smart meter gateway device on or
1.18 in a person's home or business without the written consent of the person who owns the home
1.19 or business.

1.20 (b) An electric utility must create a form that the person who owns the home or business
1.21 must sign to opt in to having a smart meter gateway device installed on or in the person's
1.22 home or business. The form must be in 12-point, boldface type and state that:

2.1 (1) the opt-in is optional and the person's service is not affected if the person elects to
2.2 not opt in; and

2.3 (2) the device is a smart meter gateway device, and include the definition in subdivision
2.4 1, paragraph (c).

2.5 Subd. 3. **Smart meter gateway device; disclosure.** When an electric utility enrolls a
2.6 homeowner or business owner for electrical service at the person's home or business, the
2.7 electric utility must: (1) disclose in writing whether a smart meter gateway device has been
2.8 installed; and (2) upon written request of the homeowner or business owner, remove or
2.9 allow the removal of all smart meter gateway devices.