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**HOUSE BILL 25-1175** 

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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

#### 101 CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OPT-IN PROGRAM FOR

102 SMART METERS INSTALLED BY A QUALIFYING RETAIL UTILITY.

#### **Bill Summary**

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <u>http://leg.colorado.gov</u>.)

Under current law, an investor-owned qualifying retail utility serving more than 500,000 customers (utility) may install advanced metering infrastructure (smart meter) at a customer's residential property without the property owner's permission unless the customer opts out of having the smart meter installed. The bill prohibits, beginning July 1, 2025, a utility from installing a smart meter at a customer's residential property unless the customer opts in by submitting a signed request to the utility requesting the installation of a smart meter.

The bill also requires a utility that installed a smart meter at a customer's residential property without the customer's permission prior to July 1, 2025, to uninstall the smart meter and replace it with a manual meter within 90 days after receiving a customer's request.

The bill requires a utility to establish an online website and provide a phone number by which customers of the utility may submit requests to receive or uninstall a smart meter.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: 2 SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 40-4-122 as 3 follows: 4 40-4-122. Advanced metering infrastructure on residential 5 property - smart meters - opt-in program - removal of smart meter 6 - definitions. (1) Definitions. As used in this section, unless the 7 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES: 8 (a) "ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE" HAS THE MEANING 9 SET FORTH IN SECTION 40-3-103.6 (3)(a). 10 (b) "MANUAL METER" MEANS A TRADITIONAL UTILITY METER USED 11 TO MEASURE ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION AT A PROPERTY THAT REQUIRES 12 A UTILITY TO VISIT THE PROPERTY AND MANUALLY RECORD A CUSTOMER'S 13 ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION. "OUALIFYING RETAIL UTILITY" OR "UTILITY" MEANS AN 14 (c) 15 INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVING MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED 16 THOUSAND CUSTOMERS. 17 (2) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, A QUALIFYING RETAIL UTILITY 18 SHALL NOT INSTALL ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE AT A 19 RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER'S PROPERTY UNLESS THE CUSTOMER HAS 20 SUBMITTED A SIGNED REQUEST TO THE UTILITY, OR HAS OTHERWISE

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CONTACTED THE UTILITY TO FORMALLY REQUEST, THAT ADVANCED
 METERING INFRASTRUCTURE BE INSTALLED AT THE CUSTOMER'S
 PROPERTY.

4 (3) (a) IF A QUALIFYING RETAIL UTILITY INSTALLED ADVANCED
5 METERING INFRASTRUCTURE ON A RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER'S PROPERTY
6 WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE CUSTOMER BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, THE
7 CUSTOMER MAY SUBMIT A SIGNED REQUEST TO THE UTILITY, OR
8 OTHERWISE CONTACT THE UTILITY TO FORMALLY REQUEST, THAT THE
9 UTILITY UNINSTALL THE ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE AND
10 REPLACE IT WITH A MANUAL METER.

(b) A QUALIFYING RETAIL UTILITY THAT RECEIVES A REQUEST TO
UNINSTALL ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION SHALL UNINSTALL THE ADVANCED
METERING INFRASTRUCTURE AND REPLACE IT WITH A MANUAL METER
WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE UTILITY RECEIVED THE NOTICE OR
FORMAL REQUEST FROM THE CUSTOMER.

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(4) A QUALIFYING RETAIL UTILITY SHALL:

18 (a) DEVELOP A PUBLIC WEBSITE THAT IS MADE ACCESSIBLE AT NO
19 COST TO THE UTILITY'S RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS THAT ALLOWS A
20 CUSTOMER TO SUBMIT TO THE UTILITY THE REQUESTS DESCRIBED IN
21 SUBSECTIONS (2) AND (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(b) PROVIDE THE UTILITY'S RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS A METHOD
of contacting the utility by phone to submit the requests
Described in subsections (2) and (3)(a) of this section.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly finds,
 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for

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- 1 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
- 2 institutions.