



Roy Cooper, Governor
State of North Carolina

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

House Bill 220, "AN ACT TO LIMIT CITIES AND COUNTIES FROM PROHIBITING CONSUMER CHOICE OF ENERGY SERVICE BASED UPON THE TYPE OR SOURCE OF ENERGY TO BE DELIVERED, TO MODIFY PUBLIC RECORDS LAW REGARDING SENSITIVE PUBLIC SECURITY INFORMATION, TO AUTHORIZE THE UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ADOPT PROCEDURES TO ALLOW LESSORS WHO PROVIDE WATER AND SEWER SERVICE TO LESSEES IN CERTAIN DWELLINGS TO CHARGE FOR THE COST OF THE SERVICE IN THE SAME MANNER AS ELECTRIC SERVICE AND NATURAL GAS SERVICE, AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION."

This legislation undermines North Carolina's transition to a clean energy economy that is already bringing in thousands of good paying jobs. It also wrongly strips local authority and hampers public access to information about critical infrastructure that impacts the health and well-being of North Carolinians.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Cooper".

Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this the 9 day of December 2021, at 3:33p for reconsideration by that body.

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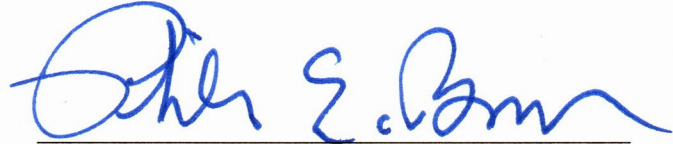
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(i) In addition to the authority to issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity and establish rates otherwise granted in this Chapter, the Commission may, consistent with the public interest, adopt procedures that allow a lessor of ~~single-family dwelling, a residential building, or multiunit apartment complex~~ any leased residential premises, as that term is defined under G.S. 42-59(3), that has individually metered units for natural gas service in the lessor's name to charge for the actual costs of providing natural gas service to each lessee. The following provisions shall apply to the charges authorized under this subsection:

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SECTION 5. This act becomes effective January 1, 2022.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 30th day of November, 2021.



Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate



Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

VETO


Roy Cooper
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Approved _____ .m. this _____ day of _____, 2021

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