

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 468

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

UTILITIES: Requires utility companies to provide aggregate energy meter totals to certain property owners upon request

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 3-I of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised
3 of R.S. 40:600.161, relative to requiring utility companies to provide energy meter
4 totals to certain property owners; to provide for definitions; to require an energy
5 utility provider to provide data in certain circumstances; to provide for information
6 requirements; to provide for privacy of information; to provide for a time line for
7 information requests; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. Chapter 3-I of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
10 comprised of R.S. 40:600.161, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 CHAPTER 3-I. ENERGY METER TOTALS

12 §600.161. Energy meter totals; purpose; definitions; requests for data

13 A. Louisiana seeks to create an environment attractive to business. To that
14 end, these procedures simplify processes for providing information essential to
15 continued financing requirements imposed by HUD. This Act protects privacy by
16 providing data in the aggregate for owners of multi family developments financed
17 by the Green MIP Reduction program.

18 B. For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:

19 (1) "Borrower" means the owner of a HUD Green MIP- certified multifamily
20 building or buildings.

1 (2) "Green MIP" means the HUD Green mortgage insurance premium
2 certification.

3 (3) "HUD" means the United States Department of Housing and Urban
4 Development.

5 (4) "Whole building data" means all energy consumption on site of a
6 multifamily building or buildings.

7 C. An energy utility provider shall provide to a borrower the whole building
8 data of the preceding year by January thirty-first if all of the following qualifications
9 are met:

10 (1) The requestor is the owner, or designee of the owner, of the building or
11 buildings for which the whole building data is being requested and is a certified
12 borrower.

13 (2) The multifamily building or buildings are HUD Green MIP certified.

14 (3) There are eight or more units being occupied by tenants in the
15 multifamily building or buildings.

16 D. A request outlined in Subsection B of this Section shall be submitted in
17 writing, either by mail or email, to an energy utility provider and shall include all of
18 the following information:

19 (1) The address for the building or buildings for which the whole building
20 data is being requested.

21 (2) Documentation that the owner, or designee of the owner, of the building
22 or buildings for which the whole building data is being requested is a certified
23 borrower.

24 (3) Documentation that the building or buildings for which the whole
25 building data is being requested is HUD Green MIP certified.

26 (4) The contact information of the borrower, or the designee of the borrower,
27 including a valid email address.

28 E. The information provided to the borrower shall contain only the whole
29 building data and shall not contain any of the following:

1 (1) Any identifying information of any tenant in the building or buildings.

2 (2) The total amount of energy each individual unit has consumed.

3 F. If a request meets all of the requirements of Subsections B and C of this
4 Section, the energy utility provider shall notify the borrower within thirty days of the
5 request. The energy utility provider shall then provide the whole building data of the
6 preceding year by email to the requestor by January thirty-first.

7 G. If the borrower, or designee of the borrower, is granted the request for
8 whole building data in accordance with this Section, a utility company shall comply
9 with the request by January thirty-first until any of the following occurs:

10 (1) A renewal did not take place by the time a calendar year has passed since
11 the original request or subsequent renewal.

12 (2) The building or buildings subject to the request change ownership.

13 (3) The borrower, or designee of the borrower, informs the energy utility
14 provider, either by mail or email, that he no longer wants to receive the whole
15 building data.

16 H. Nothing in this Section prevents an energy utility company from creating
17 easier access to whole building data for borrowers or owners utilizing other energy
18 efficient certifications.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Abstract: Requires utility companies to provide aggregate energy meter totals to certain property owners.

Proposed law provides for the definition of "borrower", "Green MIP", "HUD", and "whole building data".

Proposed law provides that an energy utility provider shall provide to a borrower the whole building data of the preceding year by Jan. 31 if all of the following qualifications are met:

- (1) The requestor is the owner, or designee of the owner, of the building or buildings for which the whole building data is being requested and is a certified borrower under the HUD Green MIP certification program.
- (2) The multifamily building or buildings are HUD Green MIP-certified.

- (3) There are eight or more units being occupied by tenants in the multifamily building or buildings.

Proposed law provides that a request outlined in proposed law shall be sent in writing, either by mail or email, to an energy utility provider and shall include all of the following information:

- (1) The address for the building or buildings for which the whole building data is being requested.
- (2) Documentation that the owner, or designee of the owner, of the building or buildings for which the whole building data is being requested is a certified borrower under the HUD Green MIP certification.
- (3) Documentation that the building or buildings for which the whole building data is being requested is HUD Green MIP certified.
- (4) The contact information of the borrower, or the designee of the borrower, including a valid email address.

Proposed law provides that the information provided to the borrower shall only contain the whole building data and shall not contain any of the following:

- (1) Any identifying information of any tenant in the building or buildings.
- (2) The total amount of energy each individual unit has consumed.

Proposed law requires that if a request meets all of the requirements of proposed law, the utility provider shall notify the borrower within 30 days of the request. The utility provider shall then provide the whole building data of the preceding year by email to the requestor by Jan. 31.

Proposed law provides that if the borrower, or designee of the borrower, is granted the request for whole building data in accordance with proposed law, a utility company will comply with the request by Jan. 31 until any of the following occurs:

- (1) A calendar year after the request had been made, if a renewal did not take place.
- (2) The building or buildings subject to the request change ownership.
- (3) The borrower, or designee of the borrower, informs the energy utility provider, either by mail or email, that he no longer wants to receive the whole building data.

Proposed law states that nothing in proposed law prevents an energy utility company from creating easier access to whole building data for borrowers or owners utilizing other energy efficient certifications.

(Adds R.S. 40:600.161)