

HOUSE BILL 1792

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and  
Title 13, relative to energy conservation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, Chapter 19, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

13-19-1\_\_.

(a) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Commercial buildings" means buildings used for the conduct  
of a business, having financial profit as the primary aim; and

(2) "Comprehensive energy audit" means an assessment of all  
energy-using systems to determine the energy consumption  
characteristics of a building which shall:

(A) Identify the type, size and rate of energy  
consumption of such building, including industrial  
processes in the building;

(B) Identify appropriate energy conservation  
maintenance and operating procedures; and

(C) Indicate the need, if any, for the acquisition and  
installation of energy conservation measures.

(b) Owners of commercial buildings within this state shall have  
comprehensive energy audits conducted on the buildings. The audits shall be  
conducted by a person authorized to perform energy audits.

(c) On or after October 1, 2011, owners of commercial buildings in this state shall conspicuously display notices containing the results of the comprehensive energy audit.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 10, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

4-3-10\_\_.

(a) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "State buildings" and "state-owned facilities" mean buildings or facilities whose operational expenses and capital needs are paid for by state funds, or within which state-funded programs are administered; and

(2) "Comprehensive energy audit" means an assessment of all energy-using systems to determine the energy consumption characteristics of a building which shall:

(A) Identify the type, size and rate of energy consumption of such building, including industrial processes in the building;

(B) Identify appropriate energy conservation maintenance and operating procedures; and

(C) Indicate the need, if any, for the acquisition and installation of energy conservation measures.

(b) All state buildings and state-owned facilities shall undergo a comprehensive energy audit, which shall be conducted by a person authorized to perform energy audits.

(c) On or after October 1, 2011, results of the comprehensive energy audit required pursuant to this section shall be conspicuously displayed in all state buildings and state-owned facilities.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.