

SENATE BILL 3467

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66,
relative to energy efficiency retrofit programs.

WHEREAS, through the installation of energy efficiency products, Americans across the Nation have seen a significant reduction in their energy costs while improving the comfort and value of their home or real property; and

WHEREAS, such energy efficient upgrades and installations include insulation, duct sealing, water heaters, HVAC units, windows, roofing, and doors, to name but a few of the energy retrofits utilized; and

WHEREAS, various public and private programs have been initiated in local areas that encourage landlords and tenants to participate in energy efficient retrofits, with replaced heating and cooling systems, and other improved weatherization measures being taken that lead to significant benefit both for the tenant, through lower energy bills, as well as the landlord, through increased property values and less frequent tenant turnover; and

WHEREAS, the utilization of such programs and the benefits of energy efficient retrofits for landlords and tenants would undoubtedly increase with the dissemination of information from landlords to tenants; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, Chapter 28, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

66-28-1___. Landlords shall strive to furnish information to their tenants concerning participation in energy efficiency retrofit programs that are available in their respective areas.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.