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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the development and inclusion of an energy audit
2 program by specified gas and electric utilities within an
3 energy efficiency plan filed with the Iowa utilities board.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 5844HH 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 476.6, subsection 16, paragraph a, Code
1 2 Supplement 2007, is amended by adding the following new
1 3 unnumbered paragraph:
1 4 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. An energy efficiency plan filed
1 5 pursuant to this paragraph shall include a residential and
1 6 business energy audit program. Audits conducted pursuant to
1 7 the program may be performed by the utility directly, or
1 8 through a third-party contractor, and shall be completed
1 9 within thirty days of the submission of an audit request by a
1 10 residential or business owner or prospective purchaser. The
1 11 audit shall include an assessment of the current level of
1 12 energy efficiency of a residence or business from a structural
1 13 perspective and with regard to electrical and natural gas
1 14 appliance operation, and contain recommendations for energy
1 15 efficiency improvements and energy savings estimates
1 16 achievable if the improvements are implemented. The board
1 17 shall by rule determine additional program aspects, as well as
1 18 identify streamlined energy audit procedures applicable for
1 19 audits requested by a seller or purchaser of real estate prior
1 20 to or as part of the conveyance process.

EXPLANATION

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1 22 This bill provides that an energy efficiency plan filed by
1 23 gas and electric utilities required to be rate-regulated for
1 24 approval by the Iowa utilities board shall include an energy
1 25 audit program. The audit program applies to both residences
1 26 and businesses, and could be performed either by the utility
1 27 directly or through a third-party contractor. The bill
1 28 provides that an audit must be completed within 30 days of the
1 29 submission of an audit request by a residential or business
1 30 owner or prospective purchaser. The bill specifies that an
1 31 audit will include an assessment of the current level of
1 32 energy efficiency both structurally and relating to appliance
1 33 operation, and provide recommendations for energy efficiency
1 34 improvements and estimates of resulting savings. The board is
1 35 directed to establish by rule additional aspects of the
2 1 program, and to facilitate streamlined procedures applicable
2 2 to a real estate transfer or sale.
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