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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to rural electric cooperatives;  
3           amending s. 425.041, F.S.; prohibiting a cooperative  
4           that sells electricity at retail from adopting,  
5           enacting, or enforcing a fee meeting specified  
6           criteria; providing an effective date.

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8   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10           Section 1. Section 425.041, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
11           read:

12           425.041 Prohibited fees, bylaws, tariffs, and policies.—A  
13           cooperative which sells electricity at retail may not adopt,  
14           enact, or enforce any fee, including a lot fee, developer fee,  
15           or surcharge, or any bylaw, tariff, or policy, ~~or take any other~~  
16           ~~action,~~ that restricts or prohibits or has the effect of  
17           restricting or prohibiting:

18           (1) The types or fuel sources of energy production which  
19           may be used, delivered, converted, or supplied by the entities  
20           listed in s. 366.032(1) to serve customers that such entities  
21           are authorized to serve.

22           (2) The use of an appliance, including a stove or grill,  
23           which uses the types or fuel sources of energy production which  
24           may be used, delivered, converted, or supplied by the entities  
25           listed in s. 366.032(1). As used in this subsection, the term  
26           “appliance” means a device or apparatus manufactured and  
27           designed to use energy and for which the Florida Building Code  
28           or the Florida Fire Prevention Code provides specific  
29           requirements.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.