

**SENATE, No. 1130**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**221st LEGISLATURE**

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2024 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JOHN F. MCKEON**

**District 27 (Essex and Passaic)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Permits municipalities to prohibit gas connections in new construction.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT permitting municipalities to prohibit gas connections in  
2 new construction and supplementing P.L.1975, c.217 (C.52:27D-  
3 119 et seq.).  
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:  
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8 1. a. A municipality may by ordinance provide that a  
9 construction permit shall not issue for any structure or building to  
10 be newly constructed within the municipality unless the structure or  
11 building is constructed without any natural gas connection.

12 b. An ordinance adopted pursuant to subsection a. of this  
13 section shall require a construction permit application for a new  
14 structure or building to contain plans for the structure or building to  
15 be powered by a source of energy other than natural gas.

16 c. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations  
17 pursuant to its rule-making authority under the "Administrative  
18 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) in order to  
19 effectuate the purposes of this section.  
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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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24 STATEMENT  
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26 This bill would allow municipalities to prohibit gas connections  
27 in new structures and buildings. Electric power, the primary energy  
28 alternative to natural gas, is becoming a cleaner source of energy,  
29 contributing fewer carbon emissions that cause climate change.  
30 This bill would give municipalities the flexibility to promote  
31 cleaner energy sources, and help combat climate change, by  
32 prohibiting new construction that uses natural gas as an energy  
33 source.