

SENATE BILL 1626

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, 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 section:

Section 13-19-109.

(a) Each owner of an existing commercial building within this state shall have conducted for that building a comprehensive energy audit. Such audit must be conducted by a person approved to perform professional energy audits.

(b) On or after October 1, 2011, each owner of an existing commercial building within this state shall conspicuously display a notice accessible by the building's tenants or potential tenants containing the results of the comprehensive energy audit.

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

(1) "Commercial building" means a building 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.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.