A BILL FOR AN ACT

Concerning a guarantee of customer choice in the use of gaseous fuels to produce thermal energy.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

The bill invalidates any statute, rule, or local ordinance or resolution that limits or prohibits, except as required for safety purposes, the installation in a new or existing home or business any system or appliance that uses natural gas or propane for cooking, hot water, space heating, or electrical generation.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment. Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute. Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.
Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 40-2-135.5 as follows:

40-2-135.5. Use of natural gas or propane - customers' rights.

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no statute, rule, or local ordinance or resolution shall:

(a) Limit or prohibit, except as required for safety purposes, the installation in a new or existing home or business of any system or appliance that uses natural gas or propane for cooking, hot water, space heating, or electrical generation; or

(b) Otherwise limit a customer's ability to use or install a system or appliance described in subsection (1)(a) of this section except as required for safety purposes.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.