

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2017 and 2018 HB1361

by Rep. Michael J. Madigan

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/8-202

from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 8-202

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning termination notices.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by changing

 Section 8-202 as follows:
- 6 (220 ILCS 5/8-202) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 8-202)
- Sec. 8-202. Any public utility, or two or more public utilities, which furnishes electricity or gas for space heating shall, during the the calendar months of November, December, January, February, and March:
 - (a) give written notice of its intention to terminate or cut off such service or supply for any reason, other than by request of the customer, to the customer. Such notice shall be sent by U.S. Mail at least 8 days prior to termination of service or supply or delivered by other means to the customer 5 days prior to such termination; and
 - (b) deliver written notice of intention to terminate or cut off such service or supply for any reason, other than by request of the customer, to the Director of the local department of public health or, if there is no local department of public health, then to the township supervisor or, if there is no township supervisor, then to the county sheriff where the premises receiving such service or supply is located; and

(c) send, by certified mail, prior written notice of its intention to terminate or cut off such service or supply for any reason, other than by request of the customer, to the owner of record and/or the mortgagee of the premises receiving such service or supply, should the owner of record or mortgagee make request to the public utility for any such notice.

The notice required by paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Section shall be delivered or mailed at least 24 hours and not more than 48 hours prior to the termination of service or supply.

Any termination notice delivered or mailed to a customer shall include a statement advising said customer that the township supervisor, local department of public health, or county sheriff, and the owner and/or the mortgagee, if applicable, will be notified of the termination action at least 24 hours prior to the termination of service or supply.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the power of the Commission to adopt other rules and regulations pursuant to service termination notices.

No public official to whom notice is given pursuant to subparagraph (b) of this Section shall be liable for death, injury or damages resulting from cut-off of electricity or gas service or supply.

24 (Source: P.A. 84-617.)