

1 AN ACT concerning utilities.

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

4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by adding
5 Section 8-209 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/8-209 new)

7 Sec. 8-209. Utility credit reporting. If a public utility
8 reports a customer to a credit reporting agency for non-payment
9 of an outstanding utility bill, then a public utility shall
10 notify the credit reporting agency within 5 business days of
11 any full payment made with certified funds or cash. For the
12 purposes of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly,
13 certified funds means instruments that are guaranteed by the
14 issuing institution or have cleared the issuing institution.