102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

SB3018

Introduced 1/5/2022, by Sen. Doris Turner

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/8-202

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

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Provides that provisions concerning notice to terminate or cut off service or supply apply to any public utility, two or more public utilities, or broadband service providers (rather than any public utility or two or more public utilities furnishing electricity or gas for space heating during specified months). Provides that specified notice shall be delivered at least 7 calendar days prior to the termination of service or supply. Provides that no public official to whom notice is given shall be liable for death, injury, or damages resulting from cut-off of public utility (rather than electricity or gas) service or supply. Effective August 1, 2022.

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A BILL FOR

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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)
7 Sec. 8-202. Any public utility, or two or more public

8 utilities, <u>or broadband service provider</u>, <u>must</u> which furnishes
9 <u>electricity or gas for space heating shall</u>, <u>during the</u>
10 <u>calendar months of November</u>, <u>December</u>, <u>January</u>, <u>February</u>, <u>and</u>
11 <u>March</u>:

(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

18 (b) deliver written notice of intention to terminate or 19 cut off such service or supply for any reason, other than by 20 request of the customer, to the Director of the local 21 department of public health or, if there is no local 22 department of public health, then to the township supervisor 23 or, if there is no township supervisor, then to the county sheriff where the premises receiving such service or supply is
 located; and

3 (c) send, by certified mail, prior written notice of its 4 intention to terminate or cut off such service or supply for 5 any reason, other than by request of the customer, to the owner 6 of record and/or the mortgagee of the premises receiving such 7 service or supply, should the owner of record or mortgagee 8 make request to the public utility for any such notice.

9 <u>The notice required by paragraph (b) of this Section shall</u> 10 <u>be delivered at least 7 calendar days prior to the termination</u> 11 <u>of service or supply.</u>

12 The notice required by <u>paragraph</u> paragraphs (b) and (c) of 13 this Section shall be delivered or mailed at least 24 hours and 14 not more than 48 hours prior to the termination of service or 15 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, SB3018 - 3 - LRB102 23184 SPS 32346 b
1 injury or damages resulting from cut-off of <u>public utility</u>
2 electricity or gas service or supply.
3 (Source: P.A. 84-617.)
4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect August

5 1, 2022.