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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4118

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4118 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by adding
5 Section 8-206.5 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/8-206.5 new)

7 Sec. 8-206.5. Disconnection Protection Program.

8 (a) No later than June 1, 2024, each electric and gas
9 utility serving more than 500,000 customers in this State
10 shall implement a Disconnection Protection Program, whereby
11 customers who have applied for assistance through the Low
12 Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Percentage of
13 Income Payment Plan (PIPP), or other energy assistance
14 programs, including, but not limited to, those programs
15 established under the Energy Assistance Act, shall be
16 temporarily protected from disconnection for 60 days after the

1 utility receives notice from a local administrative agency
2 that the customer has submitted an application to LIHEAP,
3 PIPP, or other energy assistance program.

4 (b) As part of its Disconnection Protection Program, each
5 electric and gas utility shall utilize all available customer
6 data, including, but not limited to, household-level income
7 and energy burden, the census tract ability-to-pay index, and
8 the census tract poverty ratio, to determine whether a
9 customer may be eligible for energy assistance programs. The
10 utility must provide customers it has determined to be
11 eligible for energy assistance programs with specific
12 information on how to obtain energy assistance. The utility
13 shall conduct the customer outreach described in this
14 subsection on a monthly basis.

15 (c) Each electric and gas utility may recover costs for
16 implementation, administration, and ongoing operation of its
17 Disconnection Protection Program through the utility's revenue
18 requirement, subject to a review for prudence and
19 reasonableness by the Commission.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law.".