

# SB0124



## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB0124

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 20/13

Amends the Energy Assistance Act. Changes the repeal date of provisions creating the Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund from December 31, 2007 to December 31, 2013. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

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

4 Section 5. The Energy Assistance Act is amended by changing  
5 Section 13 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 20/13)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2007)

8 Sec. 13. Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund.

9 (a) The Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund is  
10 hereby created as a special fund in the State Treasury. The  
11 Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund is authorized  
12 to receive moneys from voluntary donations from individuals,  
13 foundations, corporations, and other sources, moneys received  
14 pursuant to Section 17, and, by statutory deposit, the moneys  
15 collected pursuant to this Section. The Fund is also authorized  
16 to receive voluntary donations from individuals, foundations,  
17 corporations, and other sources, as well as contributions made  
18 in accordance with Section 507MM of the Illinois Income Tax  
19 Act. Subject to appropriation, the Department shall use moneys  
20 from the Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund for  
21 payments to electric or gas public utilities, municipal  
22 electric or gas utilities, and electric cooperatives on behalf  
23 of their customers who are participants in the program

1 authorized by Section 4 of this Act, for the provision of  
2 weatherization services and for administration of the  
3 Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund. The yearly  
4 expenditures for weatherization may not exceed 10% of the  
5 amount collected during the year pursuant to this Section. The  
6 yearly administrative expenses of the Supplemental Low-Income  
7 Energy Assistance Fund may not exceed 10% of the amount  
8 collected during that year pursuant to this Section.

9 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 16-111 of the  
10 Public Utilities Act but subject to subsection (k) of this  
11 Section, each public utility, electric cooperative, as defined  
12 in Section 3.4 of the Electric Supplier Act, and municipal  
13 utility, as referenced in Section 3-105 of the Public Utilities  
14 Act, that is engaged in the delivery of electricity or the  
15 distribution of natural gas within the State of Illinois shall,  
16 effective January 1, 1998, assess each of its customer accounts  
17 a monthly Energy Assistance Charge for the Supplemental  
18 Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund. The delivering public  
19 utility, municipal electric or gas utility, or electric or gas  
20 cooperative for a self-assessing purchaser remains subject to  
21 the collection of the fee imposed by this Section. The monthly  
22 charge shall be as follows:

23 (1) \$0.40 per month on each account for residential  
24 electric service;

25 (2) \$0.40 per month on each account for residential gas  
26 service;

1           (3) \$4 per month on each account for non-residential  
2 electric service which had less than 10 megawatts of peak  
3 demand during the previous calendar year;

4           (4) \$4 per month on each account for non-residential  
5 gas service which had distributed to it less than 4,000,000  
6 therms of gas during the previous calendar year;

7           (5) \$300 per month on each account for non-residential  
8 electric service which had 10 megawatts or greater of peak  
9 demand during the previous calendar year; and

10          (6) \$300 per month on each account for non-residential  
11 gas service which had 4,000,000 or more therms of gas  
12 distributed to it during the previous calendar year.

13          (c) For purposes of this Section:

14           (1) "residential electric service" means electric  
15 utility service for household purposes delivered to a  
16 dwelling of 2 or fewer units which is billed under a  
17 residential rate, or electric utility service for  
18 household purposes delivered to a dwelling unit or units  
19 which is billed under a residential rate and is registered  
20 by a separate meter for each dwelling unit;

21           (2) "residential gas service" means gas utility  
22 service for household purposes distributed to a dwelling of  
23 2 or fewer units which is billed under a residential rate,  
24 or gas utility service for household purposes distributed  
25 to a dwelling unit or units which is billed under a  
26 residential rate and is registered by a separate meter for

1           each dwelling unit;

2           (3) "non-residential electric service" means electric  
3           utility service which is not residential electric service;  
4           and

5           (4) "non-residential gas service" means gas utility  
6           service which is not residential gas service.

7           (d) At least 45 days prior to the date on which it must  
8           begin assessing Energy Assistance Charges, each public utility  
9           engaged in the delivery of electricity or the distribution of  
10          natural gas shall file with the Illinois Commerce Commission  
11          tariffs incorporating the Energy Assistance Charge in other  
12          charges stated in such tariffs.

13          (e) The Energy Assistance Charge assessed by electric and  
14          gas public utilities shall be considered a charge for public  
15          utility service.

16          (f) By the 20th day of the month following the month in  
17          which the charges imposed by the Section were collected, each  
18          public utility, municipal utility, and electric cooperative  
19          shall remit to the Department of Revenue all moneys received as  
20          payment of the Energy Assistance Charge on a return prescribed  
21          and furnished by the Department of Revenue showing such  
22          information as the Department of Revenue may reasonably  
23          require. If a customer makes a partial payment, a public  
24          utility, municipal utility, or electric cooperative may elect  
25          either: (i) to apply such partial payments first to amounts  
26          owed to the utility or cooperative for its services and then to

1 payment for the Energy Assistance Charge or (ii) to apply such  
2 partial payments on a pro-rata basis between amounts owed to  
3 the utility or cooperative for its services and to payment for  
4 the Energy Assistance Charge.

5 (g) The Department of Revenue shall deposit into the  
6 Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund all moneys  
7 remitted to it in accordance with subsection (f) of this  
8 Section.

9 (h) (Blank).

10 On or before December 31, 2002, the Department shall  
11 prepare a report for the General Assembly on the expenditure of  
12 funds appropriated from the Low-Income Energy Assistance Block  
13 Grant Fund for the program authorized under Section 4 of this  
14 Act.

15 (i) The Department of Revenue may establish such rules as  
16 it deems necessary to implement this Section.

17 (j) The Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
18 ~~Economic Opportunity~~ may establish such rules as it deems  
19 necessary to implement this Section.

20 (k) The charges imposed by this Section shall only apply to  
21 customers of municipal electric or gas utilities and electric  
22 or gas cooperatives if the municipal electric or gas utility or  
23 electric or gas cooperative makes an affirmative decision to  
24 impose the charge. If a municipal electric or gas utility or an  
25 electric cooperative makes an affirmative decision to impose  
26 the charge provided by this Section, the municipal electric or

1 gas utility or electric cooperative shall inform the Department  
2 of Revenue in writing of such decision when it begins to impose  
3 the charge. If a municipal electric or gas utility or electric  
4 or gas cooperative does not assess this charge, the Department  
5 may not use funds from the Supplemental Low-Income Energy  
6 Assistance Fund to provide benefits to its customers under the  
7 program authorized by Section 4 of this Act.

8 In its use of federal funds under this Act, the Department  
9 may not cause a disproportionate share of those federal funds  
10 to benefit customers of systems which do not assess the charge  
11 provided by this Section.

12 This Section is repealed effective December 31, 2013 ~~2007~~  
13 unless renewed by action of the General Assembly. The General  
14 Assembly shall consider the results of the evaluations  
15 described in Section 8 in its deliberations.

16 (Source: P.A. 94-773, eff. 5-18-06; 94-793, eff. 5-19-06;  
17 94-817, eff. 5-30-06; revised 8-3-06.)

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
19 becoming law.