



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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Offered by:

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To: Subst. House Bill No. **5641**

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING PROCEDURES TO PREVENT UTILITY SERVICE TERMINATIONS AT RENTAL PROPERTIES."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2024*) (a) Each gas company and  
4 electric distribution company, as such terms are defined in section 16-1  
5 of the general statutes, shall, upon request of a person who certifies that  
6 such person is the owner of a property that is used exclusively for  
7 nonresidential purposes and contains not more than twelve thousand  
8 square feet of total floor area that is rented or leased, to which the  
9 company provides service that is billed to a person other than such  
10 requestor, agree to:

11 (1) Notify such requestor by United States mail not less than seventy-  
12 two hours prior to terminating service to such property; and

13 (2) Reinstate gas or electric service, as applicable, by reverting such

14 service to such requestor's name, if, at a later date, such requestor  
15 requests such reinstatement. Such requestor shall be responsible for  
16 maintaining such requestor's account as current on and after any such  
17 reinstatement.

18 (b) Any request made pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall  
19 be in writing in a form prescribed by the Public Utilities Regulatory  
20 Authority. The authority shall prescribe such form and the  
21 implementation date for such form after evaluating evidence from  
22 electric distribution companies, gas companies and other interested  
23 parties in an uncontested proceeding. Such request shall include: (1) A  
24 certification that the requestor is the owner of the property that is the  
25 subject of the request; and (2) the mailing address of the requestor that  
26 shall be used by such gas or electric distribution company, as applicable,  
27 to mail notice in accordance with subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this  
28 section. The requestor shall be responsible for notifying such gas or  
29 electric distribution company of any change to such requestor's mailing  
30 address or of the sale of such property in a timely manner.

31 (c) No gas company or electric distribution company may disclose to  
32 the requestor the reason the company terminates service to such  
33 property.

34 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require such  
35 requestor to pay an account balance or arrearage of any customer who  
36 was billed for service at such property before such service was  
37 terminated."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2024	New section