
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1588 Session of
1995

INTRODUCED BY HANNA, KUKOVICH, LYNCH, BELARDI, ROONEY, BARLEY,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, MAY 9, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for duty of owner of
3 rental property.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 1529.1 of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 1529.1. Duty of owners of rental property.

9 (a) Notice to public utility.--It is the duty of every owner
10 of a residential building or mobile home park which [contains]
11 is known to contain one or more dwelling units, not individually
12 metered, to notify each public utility from whom utility service
13 is received of their ownership and the fact that the premises
14 served are used for rental purposes.

15 (b) History of account.--Upon receipt of the notice provided
16 in this section, if the mobile home park or residential building
17 contains one or more dwelling units not individually metered, an
18 affected public utility shall forthwith list the account for the

1 premises in question in the name of the owner, and the owner
2 shall thereafter be responsible for the payment for the utility
3 services rendered thereunto. In the case of individually metered
4 dwelling units, unless notified to the contrary by the tenant or
5 an authorized representative, an affected public utility shall
6 list the account for the premises in question in the name of the
7 owner, and the owner shall be responsible for the payment for
8 utility services to the premises.

9 (c) Failure to give notice.--Any owner of a residential
10 building or mobile home park failing to notify affected public
11 utilities as required by this section shall nonetheless be
12 responsible for payment of the utility services as if the
13 required notice had been given[.] unless it is demonstrated that
14 the owner was unaware that the residential units were not
15 individually metered and that he did not cause this circumstance
16 through his own actions.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.