THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1785

Session of 1983

INTRODUCED BY PIEVSKY, DECEMBER 7, 1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, DECEMBER 7, 1983

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
- 2 Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting resellers from passing on
- 3 maximum service charges to retail consumers; and making an
- 4 editorial change.
- 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 6 hereby enacts as follows:
- 7 Section 1. Sections 1313 and 3313 of Title 66 of the
- 8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:
- 9 § 1313. Price upon resale [of public utility services].
- 10 Whenever any person, corporation or other entity, not a
- 11 public utility, electric cooperative corporation, municipality
- 12 authority or municipal corporation, purchases service from a
- 13 public utility and resells it to consumers, the bill rendered by
- 14 the reseller to any residential consumer shall not exceed nor
- 15 shall the aggregate bills total more than the amount which the
- 16 public utility would bill its own residential consumers for the
- 17 same quantity of [service] commodity consumed or discharged
- 18 under the residential rate of its tariff then currently in

- 1 effect. Any charges for services not associated directly with
- 2 the quantity of commodity consumed or discharged shall be passed
- 3 through to the residential consumer directly and shall not be
- 4 <u>increased</u> by the reseller to the maximum allowable rate.
- 5 § 3313. Excessive price on resale.
- 6 Any person, corporation or other entity violating the
- 7 provisions of section 1313 (relating to price upon resale [of
- 8 public utility services]) shall be guilty of a summary offense
- 9 and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$100
- 10 multiplied by the number of residential bills exceeding the
- 11 maximum prescribed in section 1313.
- 12 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.