

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in responsible utility customer  
3 protection, further providing for termination of utility  
4 service.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1406(g) of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 1406. Termination of utility service.

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11 (g) Qualification for LIHEAP.--

12 (1) A notice of termination to a customer of a public  
13 utility shall be sufficient proof of a crisis for a customer  
14 with the requisite income level to receive a LIHEAP Crisis  
15 Grant from the Department of Public Welfare or its designee.

16 (2) It shall be a condition of acceptance by a public  
17 utility of a LIHEAP Crisis Grant from the Department of  
18 Public Welfare or its designee that the public utility will  
19 not terminate service to the customer within 60 days of

1 acceptance of the grant and will enter into a payment  
2 agreement under section 1405(d) (relating to payment  
3 agreements) or, notwithstanding the provisions of section  
4 1405(d), a second or subsequent payment agreement with the  
5 customer for payment of that portion of the bill which is not  
6 in dispute.

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