
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 285 Session of
2007

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SCHRODER, SIPTROTH, STABACK, SURRA, SWANGER, VEREB, WALKO AND
YOUNGBLOOD, FEBRUARY 7, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FEBRUARY 7, 2007

AN ACT

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

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

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

8 § 1406. Termination of utility service.

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10 (f) Medical certification.--A public utility shall not
11 terminate service to a premises when a licensed physician or
12 nurse practitioner has certified that the customer or a member
13 of the customer's household is seriously ill or afflicted with a
14 medical condition that will be aggravated by cessation of
15 service. The customer shall obtain a letter from a licensed
16 physician verifying the condition and shall promptly forward it

1 to the public utility. The maximum length of a certificate shall
2 be 90 days unless otherwise specified by the medical
3 certificate. The medical certification procedure shall be
4 implemented in accordance with commission regulations.

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6 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.