

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
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1976

INTRODUCED BY ABRAHAM, COHEN, TRELLO, MISCEVICH, GILLETTE,
SCHMITT AND ITKIN, JANUARY 28, 1976

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, JANUARY 28, 1976

AN ACT

1 Requiring electric, gas or water companies to give personal
2 notice to the debtor and written notice to public health
3 authorities before discontinuing service to a residence; and
4 imposing duties on public health authorities.

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

7 Section 1. No electric, gas or water company shall
8 unilaterally discontinue service to any residence until it gives
9 personal notice to the debtor of such discontinuance.

10 Section 2. (a) When an electric, gas or water company
11 unilaterally discontinues service to any residence, it shall
12 give written notice of such discontinuance to the person or
13 agency in charge of public health of the municipality in which
14 the residence is located. Notice shall be given at least five
15 days before the service is discontinued.

16 (b) Upon notification by an electric, gas or water company
17 that it is discontinuing service to a residence, the person or
18 agency in charge of public health of the municipality in which
19 the residence is located shall send, prior to the date of

1 discontinuance, an investigator to the residence to evaluate the
2 situation, and shall take any action necessary to preserve the
3 health and well being of the occupants of the residence.

4 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.