
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2737 Session of
1978

INTRODUCED BY PETRARCA, KOLTER, FEE, LETTERMAN AND GREENFIELD,
SEPTEMBER 12, 1978

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, SEPTEMBER 12, 1978

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 14, 1949 (P.L.482, No.98), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act authorizing and requiring cities,
3 boroughs, townships, municipal authorities and public utility
4 companies engaged in the supplying of water, to shut off the
5 supply of water for nonpayment of sewer, sewerage, or sewage
6 treatment rentals, rates, or charges imposed by municipal
7 authorities organized by counties of the second class, by
8 cities of the second class, by cities of the second class A,
9 by cities of the third class, by boroughs or by townships of
10 the first or second class; authorizing and requiring them to
11 supply to such authorities lists of metered water readings
12 and flat-rate water bills and other data; authorizing them to
13 act as billing and collecting agents for such authorities;
14 and conferring certain powers upon the Pennsylvania Public
15 Utility Commission in connection therewith," restricting the
16 shutting off of water under certain circumstances.

17 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
18 hereby enacts as follows:

19 Section 1. The act of April 14, 1949 (P.L.482, No.98),
20 entitled, as amended, "An act authorizing and requiring cities,
21 boroughs, townships, municipal authorities and public utility
22 companies engaged in the supplying of water, to shut off the
23 supply of water for nonpayment of sewer, sewerage, or sewage
24 treatment rentals, rates, or charges imposed by municipal
25 authorities organized by counties of the second class, by cities

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2 of the third class, by boroughs or by townships of the first or
3 second class; authorizing and requiring them to supply to such
4 authorities lists of metered water readings and flat-rate water
5 bills and other data; authorizing them to act as billing and
6 collecting agents for such authorities; and conferring certain
7 powers upon the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in
8 connection therewith," is amended by adding a section to read:

9 Section 1.1. Notwithstanding any provision of this act to
10 the contrary, no water utility shall shut off water supply to
11 any person for nonpayment of sewer bills if said person's
12 property is not connected to an enclosed sewer line approved by
13 the Department of Environmental Resources.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.