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HOUSE BILL

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COLE, PISTELLA, TRELLO, PETRARCA, TELEK AND FISCHER,
SEPTEMBER 20, 1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, SEPTEMBER 20, 1983

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, requiring public utilities to charge
3 volunteer fire companies and volunteer ambulance services at
4 the residential utility service rate.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1304 of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 1304. Discrimination in rates.

10 No public utility shall, as to rates, make or grant any
11 unreasonable preference or advantage to any person, corporation,
12 or municipal corporation, or subject any person, corporation, or
13 municipal corporation to any unreasonable prejudice or
14 disadvantage. A public utility which provides utility services
15 to residential users and which extends to these users a
16 residential utility service rate shall include volunteer fire
17 and ambulance services as residential users and shall extend the

1 residential utility service rate to volunteer fire and ambulance
2 companies. No public utility shall establish or maintain any
3 unreasonable difference as to rates, either as between
4 localities or as between classes of service. Unless specifically
5 authorized by the commission, no public utility shall make,
6 demand, or receive any greater rate in the aggregate for the
7 transportation of passengers or property of the same class, or
8 for the transmission of any message or conversation for a
9 shorter than for a longer distance over the same line or route
10 in the same direction, the shorter being included within the
11 longer distance, or any greater rate as a through rate than the
12 aggregate of the intermediate rates. This section does not
13 prohibit the establishment of reasonable zone or group systems,
14 or classifications of rates or, in the case of common carriers,
15 the issuance of excursion, commutation, or other special tickets
16 at special rates, or the granting of nontransferable free
17 passes, or passes at a discount to any officer, employee, or
18 pensioner of such common carrier. No rate charged by a
19 municipality for any public utility service rendered or
20 furnished beyond its corporate limits shall be considered
21 unjustly discriminatory solely by reason of the fact that a
22 different rate is charged for a similar service within its
23 corporate limits.

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