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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 3012** Session of  
1992

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INTRODUCED BY CAWLEY AND TIGUE, NOVEMBER 17, 1992

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, NOVEMBER 17, 1992

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the prohibition  
3 of standby charges.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1326 of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 1326. Standby charge prohibited.

9 (a) Prohibition.--A public utility that furnishes water to  
10 or for the public shall not impose a standby charge on owners of  
11 [residential] structures equipped with automatic fire protection  
12 systems.

13 (b) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "standby  
14 charge" means an amount, in addition to the regular rate,  
15 assessed against the owner of a [residential] structure for the  
16 reason that the [residential] structure is equipped with an  
17 automatic fire protection system.

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