

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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BELFANTI, LEDERER, HARHAI, THOMAS, TIGUE, WANSACZ, WASHINGTON  
AND YOUNGBLOOD, FEBRUARY 8, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FEBRUARY 8, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the prohibition  
3 against 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, commercial or industrial structures equipped with  
12 automatic fire protection systems.

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

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