THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania 2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for termination of 3 utility service. 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 5 hereby enacts as follows: Section 1. Section 1406(b) of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania 6 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read: § 1406. Termination of utility service. 8 9 10 (b) Notice of termination of service. --11 Prior to terminating service under subsection (a), a 12 public utility: Shall provide written notice of the termination 13 14 to the customer at least ten days prior to the date of 15 the proposed termination. The termination notice shall remain effective for 60 days. 16 Shall [attempt to] contact the customer or 17

occupant[, either] in person [or by telephone,] to

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provide notice of the proposed termination at least three days prior to the scheduled termination. [Phone contact shall be deemed complete upon attempted calls on two separate days to the residence between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. if the calls were made at various times each day.]

- (iii) [During the months of December through March, unless] <u>Unless</u> personal contact has been made with the customer or responsible adult by personally visiting the customer's residence, the public utility shall, within 48 hours of the scheduled date of termination, post a notice of the proposed termination at the service location.
- (iv) After complying with paragraphs (ii) and (iii), the public utility shall [attempt to] make personal contact with the customer or responsible adult at the time service is terminated. [Termination of service shall not be delayed for failure to make personal contact.]
- (2) The public utility shall not be required by the commission to take any additional actions prior to termination.
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22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.