

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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WASHINGTON AND YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 3, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, MARCH 3, 2003

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.