
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY DeLUCA, HILL-EVANS, SANCHEZ, GUENST, KINSEY,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FEBRUARY 11, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in rates and distribution systems,
3 further providing for rates to be just and reasonable.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1301 of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
8 § 1301. Rates to be just and reasonable.

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10 (c) COVID-19 limitation.--

11 (1) Notwithstanding any other law, rule, regulation or
12 order of the commission, a public utility may not increase a
13 rate to recover lost revenue if the lost revenue is
14 attributable to COVID-19 or COVID-19-related mitigation
15 measures, including those within the scope of the order
16 issued by the Governor on March 19, 2020, to limit the
17 operation of non-life-sustaining businesses.

18 (2) For purposes of this subsection, the term "COVID-19"

1 means the coronavirus disease 2019, an infectious disease
2 caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2
3 that was first identified during December 2019 in Wuhan,
4 China.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.