

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2007 and 2008 HB4584

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/8-307 new

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Provides that a public utility that overcharges a residential customer \$500 or more, based on estimated meter reading, in any given billing period, including, but not limited to, monthly, bi-monthly, and semi-annual billing, must refund the overcharge, plus 5% interest, to the customer within 30 days after that billing period. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

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- 1 AN ACT concerning regulation.
- 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
- **represented in the General Assembly:**
- 4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by adding
- 5 Section 8-307 as follows:
- 6 (220 ILCS 5/8-307 new)
- 7 <u>Sec. 8-307. Estimated billing for public utility service;</u>
- 8 penalties for overcharge. A public utility that overcharges a
- 9 residential customer \$500 or more, based on estimated meter
- 10 reading, in any given billing period, including, but not
- limited to, monthly, bi-monthly, and semi-annual billing, must
- refund the overcharge, plus 5% interest, to the customer within
- 13 30 days after that billing period.
- 14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 15 becoming law.