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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5631

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 5631 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by changing  
5 Section 9-223 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/9-223) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 9-223)

7 Sec. 9-223. Fire protection charge.

8 (a) The Commission may authorize any public utility engaged  
9 in the production, storage, transmission, sale, delivery or  
10 furnishing of water to impose a fire protection charge, in  
11 addition to any rate authorized by this Act, sufficient to  
12 cover a reasonable portion of the cost of providing the  
13 capacity, facilities and the water necessary to meet the fire  
14 protection needs of any municipality or public fire protection  
15 district. Such fire protection charge shall be in the form of a  
16 fixed amount per bill and shall be shown separately on the

1 utility bill of each customer of the municipality or fire  
2 protection district. Any filing by a public utility to impose  
3 such a fire protection charge or to modify a charge shall be  
4 made pursuant to Section 9-201 of this Act. Any fire protection  
5 charge imposed shall reflect the costs associated with  
6 providing fire protection service for each municipality or fire  
7 protection district. No such charge shall be imposed directly  
8 on any municipality or fire protection district for a  
9 reasonable level of fire protection services unless provided  
10 for in a separate agreement between the municipality or the  
11 fire protection district and the utility. A utility company  
12 shall not require a separate fire service connection when a  
13 domestic service shall adequately supply both.

14 (b) By December 31, 2007, the Commission shall conduct at  
15 least 3 public forums to evaluate the purpose and use of each  
16 fire protection charge imposed under this Section. At least one  
17 forum must be held in northern Illinois, at least one forum  
18 must be held in central Illinois, and at least one forum must  
19 be held in southern Illinois. The Commission must invite a  
20 representative from each municipality and fire protection  
21 district affected by a fire protection charge under this  
22 Section to attend a public forum. The Commission shall report  
23 its findings concerning recommendations concerning the purpose  
24 and use of each fire protection charge to the General Assembly  
25 no later than the last day of the veto session in 2008.

26 (c) In this Section:

1           "Domestic service" means a water main that supplies all  
2           of the water to a building.

3           "Fire service connection" means a water main that  
4           supplies water to automatic fire suppression systems.

5           (Source: P.A. 94-950, eff. 6-27-06.)".