

# HB2535



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB2535

Introduced 2/4/2025, by Rep. Nabeela Syed

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/9-223

from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 9-223

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Provides that a fire protection charge by a public utility shall be no greater than the average cost spent by the public utility on the maintenance, connection, or use of any fire protection services over the past 10 years.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

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  
9 engaged in the production, storage, transmission, sale,  
10 delivery or furnishing of water to impose a fire protection  
11 charge, in addition to any rate authorized by this Act,  
12 sufficient to cover a reasonable portion of the cost of  
13 providing the capacity, facilities and the water necessary to  
14 meet the fire protection needs of any municipality or public  
15 fire protection district. Such fire protection charge shall be  
16 in the form of a fixed amount per bill and shall be shown  
17 separately on the utility bill of each customer of the  
18 municipality or fire protection district. Any filing by a  
19 public utility to impose such a fire protection charge or to  
20 modify a charge shall be made pursuant to Section 9-201 of this  
21 Act. Any fire protection charge imposed shall reflect the  
22 costs associated with providing fire protection service for  
23 each municipality or fire protection district and shall be no

1 greater than the average cost spent by the public utility on  
2 the maintenance, connection, or use of any fire protection  
3 services over the past 10 years. No such charge shall be  
4 imposed directly on any municipality or fire protection  
5 district for a reasonable level of fire protection services  
6 unless provided for in a separate agreement between the  
7 municipality or the fire protection district and the utility.

8 (b) (Blank).

9 (Source: P.A. 100-840, eff. 8-13-18.)