



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4147

Introduced 10/15/2025, by Rep. Regan Deering

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

5 ILCS 100/5-45.70 new

30 ILCS 105/5.1038 new

Creates the Home Utility Relief Act. Requires the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to create, as soon as practicable, a Home Utility Rebate Program to provide rebates to households that use electricity and that have a median household income between 100% and 500% of the poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Provides that eligible households shall receive the rebates as soon as practicable after implementation of the program. Requires the Department to, by rule, establish qualifications for program participation which may include requirements that apply under the Energy Assistance Act and other requirements. Provides that rebates provided under the program shall be funded through appropriations made from the Home Utility Rebate Relief Fund created under the Act. Requires the State Comptroller to direct and the State Treasurer to transfer \$500,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Home Utility Rebate Relief Fund to provide rebates to qualifying households for State fiscal years 2026 and 2027. Provides that any funds left over at the end of the second month following the conclusion of payments to households in a fiscal year may be awarded to certain qualifying first-time small business owners as determined by the Department. Requires the Department to adopt emergency rules in accordance with the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to implement the program. Amends the State Finance Act to include the Home Utility Rebate Relief Fund as a special fund. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Home
5 Utility Relief Act.

6 Section 5. Home Utility Rebate Program.

7 (a) As soon as practicable, the Department of Commerce and
8 Economic Opportunity shall create a Home Utility Rebate
9 Program to provide rebates to households that use electricity
10 and that have a median household income between 100% and 500%
11 of the poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal
12 Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
13 under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). Eligible households
14 shall receive the rebates as soon as practicable after
15 implementation of the program. The Department shall, by rule,
16 establish qualifications for program participation, which may
17 include requirements that apply under the Energy Assistance
18 Act and other requirements.

19 (b) Rebates provided under the program shall be funded
20 through appropriations made from the Home Utility Rebate
21 Relief Fund created under Section 10. The State Comptroller
22 shall direct and the State Treasurer shall transfer
23 \$500,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Home Utility

1 Rebate Relief Fund to provide rebates to qualifying households
2 for State fiscal years 2026 and 2027. Any funds left over at
3 the end of the second month following the conclusion of
4 payments to households in a fiscal year may be awarded to
5 certain qualifying first-time small business owners as
6 determined by the Department.

7 (c) The Department shall adopt emergency rules in
8 accordance with the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to
9 implement the Home Utility Rebate Program.

10 Section 10. Home Utility Rebate Relief Fund. The Home
11 Utility Rebate Relief Fund is created as a special fund in the
12 State treasury. The Fund shall consist of any moneys deposited
13 into the Fund as provided under subsection (b) of Section 5.
14 Moneys in the Fund shall be expended for the Home Utility
15 Rebate Program as provided under Section 5 and for no other
16 purpose. All interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall be
17 deposited into the Fund.

18 Section 15. The Illinois Administrative Procedure Act is
19 amended by adding Section 5-45.70 as follows:

20 (5 ILCS 100/5-45.70 new)

21 Sec. 5-45.70. Emergency rulemaking; Home Utility Rebate
22 Program. To provide for the expeditious and timely
23 implementation of the Home Utility Rebate Program authorized

1 under the Home Utility Relief Act, emergency rules
2 implementing the Home Utility Rebate Program may be adopted in
3 accordance with Section 5-45 by the Department of Commerce and
4 Economic Opportunity. The adoption of emergency rules
5 authorized by Section 5-45 and this Section is deemed to be
6 necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare.

7 This Section is repealed 3 years after the effective date
8 of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly.

9 Section 20. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
10 Section 5.1038 as follows:

11 (30 ILCS 105/5.1038 new)

12 Sec. 5.1038. The Home Utility Rebate Relief Fund.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law.