

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 9-241 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/9-241) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 9-241)

7 Sec. 9-241. Nondiscrimination.

8 (a) No public utility shall, as to rates or other charges,
9 services, facilities or in other respect, make or grant any
10 preference or advantage to any corporation or person or
11 subject any corporation or person to any prejudice or
12 disadvantage. No public utility shall establish or maintain
13 any unreasonable difference as to rates or other charges,
14 services, facilities, or in any other respect, either as
15 between localities or as between classes of service.

16 (b) An electric utility in a county with a population of
17 3,000,000 or more shall not establish or maintain any
18 unreasonable difference as to rates or other charges,
19 services, contractual terms, or facilities for access to or
20 the use of its utility infrastructure by another person or for
21 any other purpose. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
22 the Commission and its staff shall interpret this Section in
23 accordance with Article XVI of this Act.

1 (c) Nothing in this Section shall be construed as limiting
2 the authority of the Commission to permit the establishment of
3 economic development rates as incentives to economic
4 development either in enterprise zones as designated by the
5 State of Illinois or in other areas of a utility's service
6 area. Such rates should be available to existing businesses
7 which demonstrate an increase to existing load as well as new
8 businesses which create new load for a utility so as to create
9 a more balanced utilization of generating capacity. The
10 Commission shall ensure that such rates are established at a
11 level which provides a net benefit to customers within a
12 public utility's service area.

13 (d) On or before January 1, 2023, the Commission shall
14 conduct a comprehensive study to assess whether low-income
15 discount rates for electric and natural gas residential
16 customers are appropriate and the potential design and
17 implementation of any such rates. The Commission shall include
18 its findings, together with the appropriate recommendations,
19 in a report to be provided to the General Assembly. Upon
20 completion of the study, the Commission shall have the
21 authority to permit or require electric and natural gas
22 utilities to file a tariff establishing low-income discount
23 rates.

24 Such study shall assess, at a minimum, the following:

25 (1) customer eligibility requirements, including
26 income-based eligibility and eligibility based on

1 participation in or eligibility for certain public
2 assistance programs;

3 (2) appropriate rate structures, including
4 consideration of tiered discounts for different income
5 levels;

6 (3) appropriate recovery mechanisms, including the
7 consideration of volumetric charges and customer charges;

8 (4) appropriate verification mechanisms;

9 (5) measures to ensure customer confidentiality and
10 data safeguards;

11 (6) outreach and consumer education procedures; and

12 (7) the impact that a low-income discount rate would
13 have on the affordability of delivery service to
14 low-income customers and customers overall.

15 (d-5) For the purposes of this subsection (d-5),
16 "qualifying customer" means a residential customer of a
17 utility serving more than 100,000 customers in the State that
18 has a low-income discount program for residential customers
19 (i) who has been deemed eligible for assistance under the
20 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) or who
21 receives energy assistance under the Energy Assistance Act and
22 (ii) whose household income does not exceed 300% of the
23 federal poverty level.

24 Notwithstanding the contents of the report required under
25 subsection (d) and any other provision of this Act, the
26 Commission may approve a low-income discount for electric and

1 natural gas residential customers that applies to the entirety
2 of a qualifying customer's bill, including, but not limited
3 to, a qualifying customer's delivery service charges, energy
4 supply charges, and any other applicable charges. The
5 low-income discount under this subsection (d-5) shall not
6 apply to, or otherwise reduce, any State or municipal taxes or
7 any nonbypassable charge approved by the Commission or defined
8 in a public utility's tariff and included in the qualifying
9 customer's bill. An electric or natural gas utility may fund
10 its low-income discounts under this subsection (d-5) through a
11 surcharge on both its residential and non-residential
12 customers' electric and natural gas bills. Any charges,
13 surcharges, or cost recovery mechanisms authorized or approved
14 by the Commission under this Section shall be assessed solely
15 on a fixed, per-customer basis and shall not be designed,
16 implemented, or recovered on a volumetric, usage-based,
17 demand-based, or throughput basis, whether directly or
18 indirectly. Charges authorized under this Section may vary by
19 customer class or rate classification.

20 Any electric or natural gas public utility serving more
21 than 100,000 customers in the State that does not have a
22 low-income discount or that elects to implement a low-income
23 discount that complies with the requirements of this
24 subsection (d-5) on and after the effective date of this
25 amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly shall, within 30
26 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the

1 104th General Assembly, file a new or amended tariff with the
2 Commission to implement the new low-income discount or bring
3 the utility's low-income discount into compliance with this
4 subsection (d-5). The Commission shall issue a final order
5 approving, or approving with modifications aligning the tariff
6 with the requirements of this subsection (d-5), the utility's
7 tariff within 90 days after receipt of the utility's filing.
8 The utility shall implement the changes necessary to put the
9 approved low-income discount into effect no later than 12
10 months after the issuance of the Commission's final order
11 approving the low-income discount. If the utility needs more
12 than 12 months to implement the necessary changes, the utility
13 shall have, upon filing a notice with the Commission, an
14 additional 12 months to implement the changes necessary to put
15 the approved low-income discount into effect. Any tariff from
16 a utility establishing a low-income discount that is in effect
17 as of the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th
18 General Assembly shall remain in effect until the utility
19 implements an updated low-income discount that satisfies the
20 requirements of this subsection (d-5). A utility shall be
21 entitled to recover prudent and reasonable costs incurred in
22 complying with this subsection (d-5).

23 In reviewing and approving any low-income discount under
24 this subsection (d-5), the Commission shall take into
25 consideration the effect of the low-income discount on, and
26 shall endeavor to maximize, the allocation and receipt of

1 federal LIHEAP grants, funds under Section 13 of the Energy
2 Assistance Act, and any other State and federal energy
3 assistance funds that are available to the State. The
4 low-income discounts authorized under this subsection (d-5)
5 may include, but are not limited to, tiered discounts or a
6 Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) program. For any
7 low-income discounts approved by the Commission after the
8 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General
9 Assembly, the calculation of the low-income discount to be
10 applied to a qualifying customer's bill shall be applied after
11 any federal or State energy assistance funds are allocated and
12 applied to the qualifying customer's bill.

13 Nothing in this subsection (d-5) shall be interpreted to
14 limit, modify, or nullify any low-income discount rate that is
15 in effect for a regulated water utility as of the effective
16 date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly or
17 prohibit Commission approval of any future proposal for a
18 low-income discount rate for such regulated water utility.

19 (e) The Commission shall adopt rules requiring utility
20 companies to produce information, in the form of a mailing,
21 and other approved methods of distribution, to its consumers,
22 to inform the consumers of available rebates, discounts,
23 credits, and other cost-saving mechanisms that can help them
24 lower their monthly utility bills, and send out such
25 information semi-annually, unless otherwise provided by this
26 Article.

1 (f) Prior to October 1, 1989, no public utility providing
2 electrical or gas service shall consider the use of solar or
3 other nonconventional renewable sources of energy by a
4 customer as a basis for establishing higher rates or charges
5 for any service or commodity sold to such customer; nor shall a
6 public utility subject any customer utilizing such energy
7 source or sources to any other prejudice or disadvantage on
8 account of such use. No public utility shall without the
9 consent of the Commission, charge or receive any greater
10 compensation in the aggregate for a lesser commodity, product,
11 or service than for a greater commodity, product or service of
12 like character.

13 The Commission, in order to expedite the determination of
14 rate questions, or to avoid unnecessary and unreasonable
15 expense, or to avoid unjust or unreasonable discrimination
16 between classes of customers, or, whenever in the judgment of
17 the Commission public interest so requires, may, for rate
18 making and accounting purposes, or either of them, consider
19 one or more municipalities either with or without the adjacent
20 or intervening rural territory as a regional unit where the
21 same public utility serves such region under substantially
22 similar conditions, and may within such region prescribe
23 uniform rates for consumers or patrons of the same class.

24 Any public utility, with the consent and approval of the
25 Commission, may as a basis for the determination of the
26 charges made by it classify its service according to the

1 amount used, the time when used, the purpose for which used,
2 and other relevant factors.

3 (Source: P.A. 102-662, eff. 9-15-21; 103-679, eff. 7-19-24.)

4 Section 10. The Energy Assistance Act is amended by
5 changing Sections 6 and 13 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 20/6) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 1406)

7 Sec. 6. Eligibility, conditions of participation, and
8 energy assistance.

9 (a) Any person who is a resident of the State of Illinois
10 and whose household income is not greater than an amount
11 determined annually by the Department, in consultation with
12 the Policy Advisory Council, may apply for assistance pursuant
13 to this Act in accordance with regulations promulgated by the
14 Department. In setting the annual eligibility level, the
15 Department shall consider the amount of available funding and
16 may not set a limit higher than 150% of the federal nonfarm
17 poverty level as established by the federal Office of
18 Management and Budget or 60% of the State median income for the
19 current State fiscal year as established by the U.S.
20 Department of Health and Human Services; ~~except that for the~~
21 ~~period from the effective date of this amendatory Act of the~~
22 ~~101st General Assembly through June 30, 2021, the Department~~
23 ~~may establish limits not higher than 200% of that poverty~~
24 ~~level.~~ In setting the annual eligibility level for the use of

1 State funds from the Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance
2 Fund under Section 13, the Department shall consider the
3 amount of available funding and may not set a limit higher than
4 300% of the federal nonfarm poverty level as established by
5 the federal Office of Management and Budget. The Department,
6 in consultation with the Policy Advisory Council, may adjust
7 the percentage of poverty level annually in accordance with
8 federal guidelines and based on funding availability.

9 (b) Applicants who qualify for assistance pursuant to
10 subsection (a) of this Section shall, subject to appropriation
11 from the General Assembly and subject to availability of funds
12 to the Department, receive energy assistance as provided by
13 this Act. The Department, upon receipt of monies authorized
14 pursuant to this Act for energy assistance, shall commit funds
15 for each qualified applicant in an amount determined by the
16 Department. In determining the amounts of assistance to be
17 provided to or on behalf of a qualified applicant, the
18 Department shall ensure that the highest amounts of assistance
19 go to households with the greatest energy costs in relation to
20 household income. The Department shall include factors such as
21 energy costs, household size, household income, and region of
22 the State when determining individual household benefits. In
23 setting assistance levels, the Department shall attempt to
24 provide assistance to approximately the same number of
25 households who participated in the 1991 Residential Energy
26 Assistance Partnership Program. Such assistance levels shall

1 be adjusted annually on the basis of funding availability and
2 energy costs. In promulgating rules for the administration of
3 this Section the Department shall assure that a minimum of 1/3
4 of funds available for benefits to eligible households with
5 the lowest incomes and that elderly households, households
6 with children under the age of 6 years old, and households with
7 persons with disabilities are offered a priority application
8 period.

9 (c) If the applicant is not a customer of record of an
10 energy provider for energy services or an applicant for such
11 service, such applicant shall receive a direct energy
12 assistance payment in an amount established by the Department
13 for all such applicants under this Act; provided, however,
14 that such an applicant must have rental expenses for housing
15 greater than 30% of household income.

16 (c-1) This subsection shall apply only in cases where: (1)
17 the applicant is not a customer of record of an energy provider
18 because energy services are provided by the owner of the unit
19 as a portion of the rent; (2) the applicant resides in housing
20 subsidized or developed with funds provided under the Rental
21 Housing Support Program Act or under a similar locally funded
22 rent subsidy program, or is the voucher holder who resides in a
23 rental unit within the State of Illinois and whose monthly
24 rent is subsidized by the tenant-based Housing Choice Voucher
25 Program under Section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937; and
26 (3) the rental expenses for housing are no more than 30% of

1 household income. In such cases, the household may apply for
2 an energy assistance payment under this Act and the owner of
3 the housing unit shall cooperate with the applicant by
4 providing documentation of the energy costs for that unit. Any
5 compensation paid to the energy provider who supplied energy
6 services to the household shall be paid on behalf of the owner
7 of the housing unit providing energy services to the
8 household. The Department shall report annually to the General
9 Assembly on the number of households receiving energy
10 assistance under this subsection and the cost of such
11 assistance.

12 (d) If the applicant is a customer of an energy provider,
13 such applicant shall receive energy assistance in an amount
14 established by the Department for all such applicants under
15 this Act, such amount to be paid by the Department to the
16 energy provider supplying winter energy service to such
17 applicant. Such applicant shall:

18 (i) make all reasonable efforts to apply to any other
19 appropriate source of public energy assistance; and

20 (ii) sign a waiver permitting the Department to
21 receive income information from any public or private
22 agency providing income or energy assistance and from any
23 employer, whether public or private.

24 (e) Any qualified applicant pursuant to this Section may
25 receive or have paid on such applicant's behalf an emergency
26 assistance payment to enable such applicant to obtain access

1 to winter energy services. Any such payments shall be made in
2 accordance with regulations of the Department.

3 (f) The Department may, if sufficient funds are available,
4 provide additional benefits to certain qualified applicants:

5 (i) for the reduction of past due amounts owed to
6 energy providers;

7 (ii) to assist the household in responding to
8 excessively high summer temperatures or energy costs.
9 Households containing elderly members, children, a person
10 with a disability, or a person with a medical need for
11 conditioned air shall receive priority for receipt of such
12 benefits; and

13 (iii) for the installation of energy conservation
14 measures, health and safety measures, healthy home
15 measures, home improvement measures to help alleviate
16 deferrals from weatherization activities, and renewable
17 energy retrofits.

18 (Source: P.A. 102-16, eff. 6-17-21; 102-176, eff. 6-1-22;
19 102-699, eff. 4-19-22; 103-663, eff. 1-1-25.)

20 (305 ILCS 20/13)

21 Sec. 13. Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund.

22 (a) The Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund is
23 hereby created as a special fund in the State Treasury. The
24 Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund is authorized
25 to receive moneys from voluntary donations from individuals,

1 foundations, corporations, and other sources, moneys received
2 pursuant to Section 17, and, by statutory deposit, the moneys
3 collected pursuant to this Section. The Fund is also
4 authorized to receive voluntary donations from individuals,
5 foundations, corporations, and other sources. Subject to
6 appropriation, the Department shall use moneys from the
7 Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund for: (i)
8 payments to electric or gas public utilities, municipal
9 electric or gas utilities, and electric cooperatives on behalf
10 of their customers who are participants in the program
11 authorized by Sections 4 and 18 of this Act; (ii) the provision
12 of weatherization services, including, but not limited to, the
13 installation of energy conservation measures, health and
14 safety measures, healthy home measures, home improvement
15 measures to alleviate the deferrals of certain projects,
16 including, but not limited to, roofs and foundation repairs,
17 and renewable energy retrofits; and (iii) administration of
18 the Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund. All other
19 deposits outside of the Energy Assistance Charge as set forth
20 in subsection (b) are not subject to the percentage
21 restrictions related to administrative and weatherization
22 expenses provided in this subsection. The yearly expenditures
23 for weatherization may not exceed 10% of the amount collected
24 during the year pursuant to this Section, except when unspent
25 funds from the Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund
26 are reallocated from a previous year; any unspent balance of

1 the 10% weatherization allowance may be utilized for
2 weatherization expenses in the year they are reallocated. The
3 yearly administrative expenses of the Supplemental Low-Income
4 Energy Assistance Fund may not exceed 15% ~~13%~~ of the amount
5 collected during that year pursuant to this Section, except
6 when unspent funds from the Supplemental Low-Income Energy
7 Assistance Fund are reallocated from a previous year; any
8 unspent balance of the 15% ~~13%~~ administrative allowance may be
9 utilized for administrative expenses in the year they are
10 reallocated. Of the 15% ~~13%~~ administrative allowance, no less
11 than 9% ~~8%~~ shall be provided to Local Administrative Agencies
12 for administrative expenses.

13 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 16-111 of
14 the Public Utilities Act but subject to subsection (k) of this
15 Section, each public utility, electric cooperative, as defined
16 in Section 3.4 of the Electric Supplier Act, and municipal
17 utility, as referenced in Section 3-105 of the Public
18 Utilities Act, that is engaged in the delivery of electricity
19 or the distribution of natural gas within the State of
20 Illinois shall, effective January 1, 2021, assess each of its
21 customer accounts a monthly Energy Assistance Charge for the
22 Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund. The delivering
23 public utility, municipal electric or gas utility, or electric
24 or gas cooperative for a self-assessing purchaser remains
25 subject to the collection of the fee imposed by this Section.
26 The monthly charge shall be as follows:

1 (1) Base Energy Assistance Charge per month on each
2 account for residential electrical service;

3 (2) Base Energy Assistance Charge per month on each
4 account for residential gas service;

5 (3) Ten times the Base Energy Assistance Charge per
6 month on each account for non-residential electric service
7 which had less than 10 megawatts of peak demand during the
8 previous calendar year;

9 (4) Ten times the Base Energy Assistance Charge per
10 month on each account for non-residential gas service
11 which had distributed to it less than 4,000,000 therms of
12 gas during the previous calendar year;

13 (5) Three hundred and seventy-five times the Base
14 Energy Assistance Charge per month on each account for
15 non-residential electric service which had 10 megawatts or
16 greater of peak demand during the previous calendar year;
17 and

18 (6) Three hundred and seventy-five times the Base
19 Energy Assistance Charge per month on each account for
20 non-residential gas service which had 4,000,000 or more
21 therms of gas distributed to it during the previous
22 calendar year.

23 The Base Energy Assistance Charge shall be \$0.48 per month
24 for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2022 and shall
25 increase by \$0.16 per month for any calendar year, provided no
26 less than 80% of the previous State fiscal year's available

1 Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund funding was
2 exhausted. The maximum Base Energy Assistance Charge shall not
3 exceed \$0.80 ~~\$0.96~~ per month for any calendar year.

4 Beginning January 1, 2027, the Base Energy Assistance
5 Charge shall be \$0.80 per month, with no additional step-up
6 provisions, for each utility that is required by the
7 Commission to implement a low-income discount program and
8 shall be \$0.40 per month for each utility that is not required
9 to implement a low-income discount program and that
10 contributes to the Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance
11 Fund.

12 The incremental change to such charges imposed by Public
13 Act 99-933 and Public Act 102-16 ~~this amendatory Act of the~~
14 ~~102nd General Assembly~~ shall not (i) be used for any purpose
15 other than to directly assist customers and (ii) be applicable
16 to utilities serving less than 100,000 customers in Illinois
17 on January 1, 2021. ~~The incremental change to such charges~~
18 ~~imposed by this amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly~~
19 ~~are intended to increase utilization of the Percentage of~~
20 ~~Income Payment Plan (PIPP or PIP Plan) and shall be applied~~
21 ~~such that PIP Plan enrollment is at least doubled, as compared~~
22 ~~to 2020 enrollment, by 2024.~~

23 ~~In addition, electric and gas utilities have committed,~~
24 ~~and shall contribute, a one-time payment of \$22 million to the~~
25 ~~Fund, within 10 days after the effective date of the tariffs~~
26 ~~established pursuant to Sections 16 111.8 and 19 145 of the~~

~~Public Utilities Act to be used for the Department's cost of implementing the programs described in Section 18 of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, the Arrearage Reduction Program described in Section 18, and the programs described in Section 8 105 of the Public Utilities Act. If a utility elects not to file a rider within 90 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, then the contribution from such utility shall be made no later than February 1, 2010.~~

(c) For purposes of this Section:

(1) "residential electric service" means electric utility service for household purposes delivered to a dwelling of 2 or fewer units which is billed under a residential rate, or electric utility service for household purposes delivered to a dwelling unit or units which is billed under a residential rate and is registered by a separate meter for each dwelling unit;

(2) "residential gas service" means gas utility service for household purposes distributed to a dwelling of 2 or fewer units which is billed under a residential rate, or gas utility service for household purposes distributed to a dwelling unit or units which is billed under a residential rate and is registered by a separate meter for each dwelling unit;

(3) "non-residential electric service" means electric utility service which is not residential electric service;

1 and

2 (4) "non-residential gas service" means gas utility
3 service which is not residential gas service.

4 (d) Within 30 days after the effective date of this
5 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, each public
6 utility engaged in the delivery of electricity or the
7 distribution of natural gas shall file with the Illinois
8 Commerce Commission tariffs incorporating the Energy
9 Assistance Charge in other charges stated in such tariffs,
10 which shall become effective no later than the beginning of
11 the first billing cycle following such filing.

12 (e) The Energy Assistance Charge assessed by electric and
13 gas public utilities shall be considered a charge for public
14 utility service.

15 (f) By the 20th day of the month following the month in
16 which the charges imposed by the Section were collected, each
17 public utility, municipal utility, and electric cooperative
18 shall remit to the Department of Revenue all moneys received
19 as payment of the Energy Assistance Charge on a return
20 prescribed and furnished by the Department of Revenue showing
21 such information as the Department of Revenue may reasonably
22 require; provided, however, that a utility offering an
23 Arrearage Reduction Program or Supplemental Arrearage
24 Reduction Program pursuant to Section 18 of this Act shall be
25 entitled to net those amounts necessary to fund and recover
26 the costs of such Programs as authorized by that Section that

1 is no more than the incremental change in such Energy
2 Assistance Charge authorized by Public Act 96-33. If a
3 customer makes a partial payment, a public utility, municipal
4 utility, or electric cooperative may elect either: (i) to
5 apply such partial payments first to amounts owed to the
6 utility or cooperative for its services and then to payment
7 for the Energy Assistance Charge or (ii) to apply such partial
8 payments on a pro-rata basis between amounts owed to the
9 utility or cooperative for its services and to payment for the
10 Energy Assistance Charge.

11 If any payment provided for in this Section exceeds the
12 distributor's liabilities under this Act, as shown on an
13 original return, the Department may authorize the distributor
14 to credit such excess payment against liability subsequently
15 to be remitted to the Department under this Act, in accordance
16 with reasonable rules adopted by the Department. If the
17 Department subsequently determines that all or any part of the
18 credit taken was not actually due to the distributor, the
19 distributor's discount shall be reduced by an amount equal to
20 the difference between the discount as applied to the credit
21 taken and that actually due, and that distributor shall be
22 liable for penalties and interest on such difference.

23 (g) The Department of Revenue shall deposit into the
24 Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund all moneys
25 remitted to it in accordance with subsection (f) of this
26 Section. The utilities shall coordinate with the Department to

1 establish an equitable and practical methodology for
2 implementing this subsection (g) beginning with the 2010
3 program year.

4 (h) On or before December 31, 2002, the Department shall
5 prepare a report for the General Assembly on the expenditure
6 of funds appropriated from the Low-Income Energy Assistance
7 Block Grant Fund for the program authorized under Section 4 of
8 this Act.

9 (i) The Department of Revenue may establish such rules as
10 it deems necessary to implement this Section.

11 (j) The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
12 may establish such rules as it deems necessary to implement
13 this Section.

14 (k) The charges imposed by this Section shall only apply
15 to customers of municipal electric or gas utilities and
16 electric or gas cooperatives if the municipal electric or gas
17 utility or electric or gas cooperative makes an affirmative
18 decision to impose the charge. If a municipal electric or gas
19 utility or an electric cooperative makes an affirmative
20 decision to impose the charge provided by this Section, the
21 municipal electric or gas utility or electric cooperative
22 shall inform the Department of Revenue in writing of such
23 decision when it begins to impose the charge. If a municipal
24 electric or gas utility or electric or gas cooperative does
25 not assess this charge, the Department may not use funds from
26 the Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund to provide

1 benefits to its customers under the program authorized by
2 Section 4 of this Act.

3 In its use of federal funds under this Act, the Department
4 may not cause a disproportionate share of those federal funds
5 to benefit customers of systems which do not assess the charge
6 provided by this Section.

7 (Source: P.A. 102-16, eff. 6-17-21; 102-176, eff. 6-1-22;
8 102-671, eff. 11-30-21; 102-673, eff. 11-30-21; 102-699, eff.
9 4-19-22; 103-820, eff. 8-9-24.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law.