

HB5271



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB5271

by Rep. Sam Yingling

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/8-209.5 new

Amends the Service Obligations and Conditions Article of the Public Utilities Act. Requires a public utility to make a good faith effort to provide notice to a consumer through email or U.S. mail before assigning an account to a collection agency for non-payment of an outstanding bill. Effective January 1, 2019.

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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 adding
5 Section 8-209.5 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/8-209.5 new)

7 Sec. 8-209.5. Collection agency notice. Before a public
8 utility assigns an account to a collection agency for
9 non-payment of an outstanding utility bill, the public utility
10 shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice of the
11 assignment to the consumer through email or U.S. mail.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
13 1, 2019.