

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 20-140 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/20-140 new)

7 Sec. 20-140. Expanded use of energy saving programs.

8 (a) The Commission may establish a program for promoting
9 expanded use of energy saving programs for residential and
10 small commercial customers. The program shall include the use
11 of thermostats, lights, plugs, and other devices that allow a
12 customer to control and reduce his or her energy usage. The
13 program shall not discriminate based on brand names and shall
14 include ways to promote those devices and incentives for
15 residential customers, including both homeowners and renters.

16 (b) On or before September 1, 2018 and every 2 years
17 thereafter, the Commission shall initiate a collaborative
18 workshop for stakeholders, retail electric suppliers,
19 advocates for energy savings, and industry representatives
20 developing energy savings devices and applications.

21 (c) Any recommendations arising from the workshop process
22 from this Section shall be included in the annual report of the
23 Office of Retail Market Development.