

SB1447



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/7/2023, by Sen. Patrick J. Joyce

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 687/6-5

Amends the Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and Coal Resources Development Law of 1997. Provides that, of the money collected from the Renewable Energy Resources and Coal Technology Development Assistance Charge, \$4,000,000 (currently, \$2,000,000) may be used annually by the Environmental Protection Agency to provide grants to the Illinois Green Economy Network for the purposes of funding education and training for renewable energy and energy efficiency technology and for the operation and services of the Illinois Green Economy Network. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

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

4 Section 5. The Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and
5 Coal Resources Development Law of 1997 is amended by changing
6 Section 6-5 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 687/6-5)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2025)

9 Sec. 6-5. Renewable Energy Resources and Coal Technology
10 Development Assistance Charge.

11 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 16-111 of
12 the Public Utilities Act but subject to subsection (e) of this
13 Section, each public utility, electric cooperative, as defined
14 in Section 3.4 of the Electric Supplier Act, and municipal
15 utility, as referenced in Section 3-105 of the Public
16 Utilities Act, that is engaged in the delivery of electricity
17 or the distribution of natural gas within the State of
18 Illinois shall, effective January 1, 1998, assess each of its
19 customer accounts a monthly Renewable Energy Resources and
20 Coal Technology Development Assistance Charge. The delivering
21 public utility, municipal electric or gas utility, or electric
22 or gas cooperative for a self-assessing purchaser remains
23 subject to the collection of the fee imposed by this Section.

1 The monthly charge shall be as follows:

2 (1) \$0.05 per month on each account for residential
3 electric service as defined in Section 13 of the Energy
4 Assistance Act;

5 (2) \$0.05 per month on each account for residential
6 gas service as defined in Section 13 of the Energy
7 Assistance Act;

8 (3) \$0.50 per month on each account for nonresidential
9 electric service, as defined in Section 13 of the Energy
10 Assistance Act, which had less than 10 megawatts of peak
11 demand during the previous calendar year;

12 (4) \$0.50 per month on each account for nonresidential
13 gas service, as defined in Section 13 of the Energy
14 Assistance Act, which had distributed to it less than
15 4,000,000 therms of gas during the previous calendar year;

16 (5) \$37.50 per month on each account for
17 nonresidential electric service, as defined in Section 13
18 of the Energy Assistance Act, which had 10 megawatts or
19 greater of peak demand during the previous calendar year;
20 and

21 (6) \$37.50 per month on each account for
22 nonresidential gas service, as defined in Section 13 of
23 the Energy Assistance Act, which had 4,000,000 or more
24 therms of gas distributed to it during the previous
25 calendar year.

26 (b) The Renewable Energy Resources and Coal Technology

1 Development Assistance Charge assessed by electric and gas
2 public utilities shall be considered a charge for public
3 utility service.

4 (c) Fifty percent of the moneys collected pursuant to this
5 Section shall be deposited in the Renewable Energy Resources
6 Trust Fund by the Department of Revenue. From those funds,
7 \$4,000,000 ~~\$2,000,000~~ may be used annually by the
8 Environmental Protection Agency to provide grants to the
9 Illinois Green Economy Network for the purposes of funding
10 education and training for renewable energy and energy
11 efficiency technology and for the operation and services of
12 the Illinois Green Economy Network. The remaining 50 percent
13 of the moneys collected pursuant to this Section shall be
14 deposited in the Coal Technology Development Assistance Fund
15 by the Department of Revenue for the exclusive purposes of (1)
16 capturing or sequestering carbon emissions produced by coal
17 combustion; (2) supporting research on the capture and
18 sequestration of carbon emissions produced by coal combustion;
19 and (3) improving coal miner safety.

20 (d) By the 20th day of the month following the month in
21 which the charges imposed by this Section were collected, each
22 utility and alternative retail electric supplier collecting
23 charges pursuant to this Section shall remit to the Department
24 of Revenue for deposit in the Renewable Energy Resources Trust
25 Fund and the Coal Technology Development Assistance Fund all
26 moneys received as payment of the charge provided for in this

1 Section on a return prescribed and furnished by the Department
2 of Revenue showing such information as the Department of
3 Revenue may reasonably require.

4 If any payment provided for in this Section exceeds the
5 utility or alternative ~~alternate~~ retail electric supplier's
6 liabilities under this Act, as shown on an original return,
7 the utility or alternative retail electric supplier may credit
8 the excess payment against liability subsequently to be
9 remitted to the Department of Revenue under this Act.

10 (e) The charges imposed by this Section shall only apply
11 to customers of municipal electric or gas utilities and
12 electric or gas cooperatives if the municipal electric or gas
13 utility or electric or gas cooperative makes an affirmative
14 decision to impose the charge. If a municipal electric or gas
15 utility or an electric or gas cooperative makes an affirmative
16 decision to impose the charge provided by this Section, the
17 municipal electric or gas utility or electric or gas
18 cooperative shall inform the Department of Revenue in writing
19 of such decision when it begins to impose the charge. If a
20 municipal electric or gas utility or electric or gas
21 cooperative does not assess this charge, its customers shall
22 not be eligible for the Renewable Energy Resources Program.

23 (f) The Department of Revenue may establish such rules as
24 it deems necessary to implement this Section.

25 (Source: P.A. 102-444, eff. 8-20-21; revised 9-13-22.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.