

Public Utilities Committee

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1	AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5212
2	AMENDMENT NO Amend House Bill 5212 by replacing
3	everything after the enacting clause with the following:
4 5	"Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by changing Section 19-125 as follows:
6	(220 ILCS 5/19-125)
7	Sec. 19-125. Consumer education.
8	(a) The Commission shall make available upon request and at
9	no charge, and shall make available to the public on the
10	Internet through the State of Illinois World Wide Web site:
11	(1) a list of all certified alternative gas suppliers
12	serving residential and small commercial customers within
13	the service area of each gas utility including, in the case
14	of the Internet, computer links to available web sites of
15	the certified alternative gas suppliers;
16	(2) a list of all certified alternative gas suppliers

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serving residential or small commercial customers that have been found in the last 3 years by the Commission pursuant to Section 10-108 to have failed to provide service in accordance with this Act;

5 (3) guidelines to assist customers in determining 6 which gas supplier is most appropriate for each customer; 7 and

8 (4) Internet links to providers of information that 9 enables customers to compare prices and services of gas 10 utilities and alternative gas suppliers, if and when that 11 information is available.

12 (b) In any service area where customers are able to choose 13 their natural gas supplier, the Commission shall require gas 14 utilities and alternative gas suppliers to inform customers of 15 how they may contact the Commission in order to obtain 16 information about the customer choice program.

(c) The Commission shall make available in print, upon 17 request and at no charge, and on its World Wide Web site, 18 19 information on where customers of alternative gas suppliers 20 serving residential and small commercial customers can address any complaint with regard to an alternative gas supplier's 21 22 obligations under Section 19-115 of this Act, including the provision of service in accordance with the terms of its 23 24 contract, sales tactics, and rates. The Commission shall 25 maintain a summary by category and provider of all informal 26 complaints it receives pursuant to this Section, and it shall

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1	publish the summary on a quarterly basis on its World Wide Web
2	site. Individual customer information shall not be included in
3	the summary.
4	(d) Notwithstanding any other rulemaking authority that
5	may exist, neither the Governor nor any agency or agency head
6	under the jurisdiction of the Governor has any authority to
7	make or promulgate rules to implement or enforce the provisions
8	of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. If,
9	however, the Governor believes that rules are necessary to
10	implement or enforce the provisions of this amendatory Act of
11	the 95th General Assembly, the Governor may suggest rules to
12	the General Assembly by filing them with the Clerk of the House
13	and the Secretary of the Senate and by requesting that the
14	General Assembly authorize such rulemaking by law, enact those
15	suggested rules into law, or take any other appropriate action
16	in the General Assembly's discretion. Nothing contained in this
17	amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be
18	interpreted to grant rulemaking authority under any other
19	Illinois statute where such authority is not otherwise
20	explicitly given. For the purposes of this amendatory Act of
21	the 95th General Assembly, "rules" is given the meaning
22	contained in Section 1-70 of the Illinois Administrative
23	Procedure Act, and "agency" and "agency head" are given the
24	meanings contained in Sections 1-20 and 1-25 of the Illinois
25	Administrative Procedure Act to the extent that such
26	definitions apply to agencies or agency heads under the

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- 1 jurisdiction of the Governor.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 92-852, eff. 8-26-02.)".