

SB3765



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Introduced 2/10/2012, by Sen. Don Harmon

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/20-120

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Provides that beginning in 2013, the Office of Retail Market Development shall review the practices of door-to-door sales within both the electric and natural gas market, gather input from all interested parties and present to the Illinois Commerce Commission, the General Assembly, and the Governor a plan to identify problems in door-to-door sales and recommend any possible solutions or improvements. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning public utilities.

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 20-120 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/20-120)

7 Sec. 20-120. Residential and small commercial retail
8 electric competition. Within 12 months after the effective date
9 of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, the
10 Director shall conduct research, gather input from all
11 interested parties and develop and present to the Commission,
12 the General Assembly, and the Governor a detailed plan designed
13 to promote, in the most expeditious manner possible, retail
14 electric competition for residential and small commercial
15 electricity consumers while maintaining safe, reliable, and
16 affordable service. Interested parties shall be given the
17 opportunity to review the plan and provide written comments
18 regarding the plan prior to its submission to the Commission,
19 the General Assembly, and the Governor. Any written comments
20 received by the Office shall be posted on the Commission's web
21 site. The final plan submitted to the Commission, the General
22 Assembly, and the Governor must include summaries of any
23 written comments and must also be posted on the Commission's

1 web site.

2 To the extent the plan calls for Commission action, the
3 Commission shall initiate any proceeding or proceedings called
4 for in the final plan within 60 days after receipt of the final
5 plan and complete those proceedings within 11 months after
6 their initiation.

7 Nothing in this Section shall prevent the Commission from
8 acting earlier to remove identified barriers to retail electric
9 competition for residential and small commercial consumers.

10 Beginning in 2013, the Office of Retail Market Development
11 shall review the practices of door-to-door sales within both
12 the electric and natural gas market, gather input from all
13 interested parties, and present to the Commission, the General
14 Assembly, and the Governor a plan to identify problems in
15 door-to-door sales and recommend any possible solutions or
16 improvements for either legislative action or rulemaking by the
17 Commission.

18 (Source: P.A. 94-1095, eff. 2-2-07.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
20 becoming law.