

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 HB3028

by Rep. Kelly M. Burke

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/20-140 new

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Adds provisions concerning expanded use of energy saving programs. Provides that the Illinois Commerce Commission may establish a program for promoting expanded use of energy saving programs for residential and small commercial customers. Provides that the program shall include the use of thermostats, lights, plugs, and other devices that allow a customer to control and reduce his or her energy usage. Provides that the program shall not discriminate based on brand names and shall include ways to promote those energy-saving devices and incentives for residential customers, including both homeowners and renters. Provides that on or before September 1, 2020 and every 2 years thereafter, the Commission shall initiate a collaborative workshop for stakeholders, retail electric suppliers, advocates for energy savings, and industry representatives developing energy saving devices and applications, and that any recommendations arising from the workshop process shall be included in the annual report of the Office of Retail Market Development.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

- Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by adding Section 20-140 as follows:
- 6 (220 ILCS 5/20-140 new)
- Sec. 20-140. Expanded use of energy saving programs.
- (a) The Commission may establish a program for promoting 8 9 expanded use of energy saving programs for residential and small commercial customers. The program shall include the use 10 of thermostats, lights, plugs, and other devices that allow a 11 12 customer to control and reduce his or her energy usage. The program shall not discriminate based on brand names and shall 13 14 include ways to promote those devices and incentives for residential customers, including both homeowners and renters. 15 16 Nothing in this Section is intended to modify the rights or obligations set forth in Sections 8-103B and 8-104 of this Act 17 or divert or reallocate the funding available under those 18 19 Sections.
 - (b) On or before September 1, 2020 and every 2 years thereafter, the Commission shall initiate a collaborative workshop for stakeholders, retail electric suppliers, advocates for energy savings, and industry representatives

- developing energy saving devices and applications.
- 2 (c) Any recommendations arising from the workshop process
- from this Section shall be included in the annual report of the
- 4 Office of Retail Market Development.