

# HB0230



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB0230

Introduced 1/29/2021, by Rep. Sam Yingling

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/8-209.5 new

Amends the Service Obligations and Conditions Article of the Public Utilities Act. Requires a public utility to make a good faith effort to provide notice to a consumer through email or U.S. mail before assigning an account to a collection agency for non-payment of an outstanding bill. Effective January 1, 2022.

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A BILL FOR

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 8-209.5 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/8-209.5 new)

7 Sec. 8-209.5. Collection agency notice. Before a public  
8 utility assigns an account to a collection agency for  
9 non-payment of an outstanding utility bill, the public utility  
10 shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice of the  
11 assignment to the consumer through email or U.S. mail.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
13 1, 2022.