



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

SB1645

Introduced 2/26/2021, by Sen. Omar Aquino

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Water Shutoff Restoration Act. Provides that public water supply authorities must use their best efforts to restore full water service to occupied residences that are without water service due to nonpayment unless those occupied residences have improper cross-connections that would risk public safety. Provides that for occupied residences with improper cross-connections, public water supply authorities must use their best efforts to rectify the cross-connection and restore full water service. Provides that public water supply authorities must identify occupied residences without full water service within their service areas and report their findings to the Illinois Commerce Commission within 8 weeks after the effective date of this Act and every month thereafter. Provides that these reports must detail what efforts have been made to provide full water service to occupied residence that still do not have full water service. Provides that the Act is repealed on January 1, 2023. Effective immediately.

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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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Water  
5 Shutoff Restoration Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to further  
7 the interest of the State of Illinois in the proper management  
8 of a significant public health issue by ensuring nonpayment  
9 alone is not an appropriate justification for terminating  
10 water services essential for basic hygiene during a pandemic.  
11 The health and safety of Illinois residents are otherwise at  
12 risk.

13 Section 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

14 "Occupied residence" means a house or other type of  
15 shelter that is used or intended to be used for human occupancy  
16 and has been occupied by humans for more than a total of 6  
17 months in the last 2 years at that location.

18 "Public water supply authority" means as an entity that  
19 provides water for human consumption through pipes or other  
20 constructed conveyances to at least 15 service connections or  
21 serves an average of at least 25 people for at least 60 days  
22 per year within the State of Illinois.

1           Section 15. Requirements. Public water supply authorities  
2 must use their best efforts to restore full water service to  
3 occupied residences that are without water service due to  
4 nonpayment unless those occupied residences have improper  
5 cross-connections that would risk public safety. For occupied  
6 residences with improper cross-connections that would risk  
7 public safety, public water supply authorities must use their  
8 best efforts to rectify the cross-connection and restore full  
9 water service to those occupied residences.

10           Section 20. Report. Public water supply authorities must  
11 identify occupied residences without full water service within  
12 their service areas and report their findings to the Illinois  
13 Commerce Commission within 8 weeks after the effective date of  
14 this Act and every month thereafter. These reports must detail  
15 what efforts have been made to provide full water service to  
16 occupied residences that still do not have full water service.

17           Section 25. Intent of Act. This Act is not intended to  
18 relieve residents of their obligation to pay public water  
19 supply authorities, but to prevent public water authorities  
20 from using disconnection as a course of action for nonpayment.

21           Section 30. Repeal. This Act is repealed on January 1,  
22 2023.

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2           becoming law.