



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB1541

Introduced 1/31/2023, by Rep. Eva-Dina Delgado

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/8-205

from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 8-205

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Provides that if gas or electricity is used as the only source of space cooling or to control or operate the only space cooling equipment at a residence, then a utility may not terminate gas or electric utility service to a residential user for nonpayment of bills: (1) on any day when the National Weather Service forecast for the following 24 hours covering the area of the utility in which the residence is located includes a forecast that the temperature will be 85 degrees (rather than 95 degrees) Fahrenheit or above; (2) on any day preceding a holiday or weekend when the National Weather Service for the following 24 hours covering the area of the utility in which the residence is located includes a forecast that the temperature will be 85 degrees (rather than 95 degrees) Fahrenheit or above during the holiday or weekend; or (3) when the National Weather Service issues an excessive heat watch, heat advisory, or excessive heat warning covering the area of the utility in which the residence is located.

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1 AN ACT concerning 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 8-205 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/8-205) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 8-205)

7 Sec. 8-205. (a) Termination of gas and electric utility  
8 service to all residential users, including all tenants of  
9 mastermetered apartment buildings, for nonpayment of bills,  
10 where gas or electricity is used as the only source of space  
11 heating or to control or operate the only space heating  
12 equipment at the residence is prohibited,

13 (1) on any day when the National Weather Service  
14 forecast for the following 24 hours covering the area of  
15 the utility in which the residence is located includes a  
16 forecast that the temperature will be 32 degrees  
17 Fahrenheit or below; or

18 (2) on any day preceding a holiday or a weekend when  
19 such a forecast indicated that the temperature will be 32  
20 degrees Fahrenheit or below during the holiday or weekend.

21 (b) If gas or electricity is used as the only source of  
22 space cooling or to control or operate the only space cooling  
23 equipment at a residence, then a utility ~~with over 100,000~~

1 ~~residential customers~~ may not terminate gas or electric  
2 utility service to a ~~the~~ residential user, including all  
3 tenants of mastermetered apartment buildings, for nonpayment  
4 of bills:

5 (1) on any day when the National Weather Service  
6 forecast for the following 24 hours covering the area of  
7 the utility in which the residence is located includes a  
8 forecast that the temperature will be 85 ~~95~~ degrees  
9 Fahrenheit or above; ~~or~~

10 (2) on any day preceding a holiday or weekend when the  
11 National Weather Service for the following 24 hours  
12 covering the area of the utility in which the residence is  
13 located includes a forecast ~~indicates~~ that the temperature  
14 will be 85 ~~95~~ degrees Fahrenheit or above during the  
15 holiday or weekend; or

16 (3) when the National Weather Service issues an  
17 excessive heat watch, heat advisory, or excessive heat  
18 warning covering the area of the utility in which the  
19 residence is located.

20 (Source: P.A. 95-772, eff. 8-1-08.)