

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 8-206.5 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/8-206.5 new)

7 Sec. 8-206.5. Disconnection Protection Program.

8 (a) No later than June 1, 2025, each electric and gas  
9 utility serving more than 500,000 customers in this State  
10 shall implement a Disconnection Protection Program, whereby  
11 customers who have applied for assistance through the Low  
12 Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) or Percentage  
13 of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) shall be temporarily protected  
14 from disconnection for 30 days after the utility receives  
15 notice from a local administrative agency that the customer  
16 has submitted an application to LIHEAP or PIPP and, in cases  
17 where LIHEAP or PIPP assistance is received, for another 45  
18 days after receiving the notice. Any customer who applies for,  
19 but does not receive, LIHEAP or PIPP assistance shall, by  
20 operation of this Section, only be temporarily protected from  
21 disconnection once in any program year.

22 (b) Each electric and gas utility may recover costs for  
23 implementation, administration, and ongoing operation of its

1 Disconnection Protection Program through the utility's revenue  
2 requirement, subject to a review for prudence and  
3 reasonableness by the Commission.