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the parties; and

09300SB2907sam001 LRB093 15217 WGH 49151 a AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2907 1 AMENDMENT NO. . Amend Senate Bill 2907 by replacing 2 3 everything after the enacting clause with the following: "Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by adding 4 5 Section 4-601 as follows: (220 ILCS 5/4-601 new)6 7 Sec. 4-601. Consumer protection laws. (a) The General Assembly finds that consumer protection is vital to the health, safety, and welfare of Illinois consumers. 9 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the 10 Commission and its staff shall: 11 (1) work cooperatively with law enforcement 12 authorities, including the Attorney General and State's 13 Attorneys, in their enforcement of consumer protection 14 laws, including the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business 15 16 Practices Act; (2) provide any materials or documents already in the 17 Commission's possession requested by the Attorney General 18 or a State's Attorney pertaining to the enforcement of 19 consumer protection laws; any materials or documents that 20 are proprietary shall not be made public unless the 21 designation as proprietary has been removed by a court or 22 legal body of competent jurisdiction, or the agreement of 23

| (3) upon written request, forward any complaints |
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| regarding alleged violations of any consumer protection |
| law to the Attorney General and the State's Attorney of the |
| appropriate county or counties. |
| (c) Subject to subdivision (1) of Section 10b of the |
| Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, the |
| Attorney General and the State's Attorney of any county shall |
| have available all remedies and authority granted to them by |
| the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. The |
| remedies for violations of this Act and its rules are not |
| intended to replace other remedies that may be imposed for |
| violations of the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business |
| Practices Act and are in addition to, and not in substitution |
| for, such other remedies, nor is this Act intended to remove |
| any statutorily defined defenses. |
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| Section 10. The Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business |
| Practices Act is amended by adding Section 10d as follows: |
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| (815 ILCS 505/10d new) |
| Sec. 10d. Public Utilities Act; Illinois Commerce |
| Commission. |
| (a) The General Assembly finds that consumer protection is |
| vital to the health, safety, and welfare of Illinois consumers. |
| (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the |
| Illinois Commerce Commission and its staff shall: |
| (1) work cooperatively with law enforcement |
| authorities, including the Attorney General and State's |
| Attorneys, in their enforcement of consumer protection |
| laws, including this Act; |
| (2) provide any materials or documents already in the |
| Commission's possession requested by the Attorney General |
| or a State's Attorney pertaining to the enforcement of |
| consumer protection laws; any materials or documents that |
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| 2 | designation as proprietary has been removed by a court or |
| 3 | legal body of competent jurisdiction, or the agreement of |
| 4 | the parties; and |
| 5 | (3) upon written request, forward any complaints |
| 6 | regarding alleged violations of any consumer protection |
| 7 | law to the Attorney General and the State's Attorney of the |
| 8 | appropriate county or counties. |
| 9 | (c) Subject to subdivision (1) of Section 10b of this Act, |
| 10 | the Attorney General and the State's Attorney of any county |
| 11 | shall have available all remedies and authority granted to them |
| 12 | by this Act. The remedies for violations of the Public |
| 13 | Utilities Act and its rules are not intended to replace other |
| 14 | remedies that may be imposed for violations of this Act and are |
| 15 | in addition to, and not in substitution for, such other |
| 16 | remedies, nor is this Section intended to remove any |
| 17 | statutorily defined defenses.". |