

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB2703

Introduced 2/22/2005, by Rep. Patricia Reid Lindner

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/8-209 new

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Prohibits a public utility from attempting to collect a debt or authorizing a third party to attempt to collect a debt from a customer without first providing the customer with 30 days' written notice of its intent to collect the debt. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- 4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by adding
- 5 Section 8-209 as follows:
- 6 (220 ILCS 5/8-209 new)
- Sec. 8-209. Collection of debt; notice required. No public
- 8 <u>utility shall attempt to collect a debt or authorize any third</u>
- 9 party to collect a debt from any customer without first
- 10 providing the customer with 30 days' prior written notice of
- its intent to collect the debt. This Section shall be enforced
- 12 <u>under the provisions of Article X of this Act.</u>
- 13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 14 becoming law.