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97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/8/2011, by Sen. John J. Cullerton

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/8-101

from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 8-101

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the duties of public utilities.

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A BILL FOR

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 changing
5 Section 8-101 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/8-101) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 8-101)

7 Sec. 8-101. Duties of public utilities; nondiscrimination.
8 A public utility shall furnish, provide, and ~~and~~ maintain such
9 service instrumentalities, equipment, and facilities as shall
10 promote the safety, health, comfort, and convenience of its
11 patrons, employees, and public and as shall be in all respects
12 adequate, efficient, just, and reasonable.

13 All rules and regulations made by a public utility
14 affecting or pertaining to its charges or service to the public
15 shall be just and reasonable.

16 A public utility shall, upon reasonable notice, furnish to
17 all persons who may apply therefor and be reasonably entitled
18 thereto, suitable facilities and service, without
19 discrimination and without delay.

20 Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prevent a
21 public utility from accepting payment electronically or by the
22 use of a customer-preferred financially accredited credit or
23 debit methodology.

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1 (Source: P.A. 92-22, eff. 6-30-01.)