



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

HB2427

by Rep. Kelly Burke

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/20-125 new

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Creates a provision that provides that the Director of the Office of Retail Market Development shall conduct research, gather input, and develop and present a detailed plan designed to promote retail natural gas competition for residential and small commercial natural gas consumers. Provides that interested parties shall be given the opportunity to review the plan and provide written comments regarding the plan prior to its submission. Provides that to the extent the plan calls for Illinois Commerce Commission action, the Commission shall initiate any proceeding or proceedings called for in the final plan within 60 days after receipt of the final plan and complete those proceedings within 11 months after their initiation; nothing shall prevent the Commission from acting earlier to remove identified barriers to retail natural gas competition for residential and small commercial consumers. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning public 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 adding  
5 Section 20-125 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/20-125 new)

7 Sec. 20-125. Residential and small commercial retail  
8 natural gas competition. Within 12 months after the effective  
9 date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, the  
10 Director shall conduct research, gather input from all  
11 interested parties, and develop and present to the Commission,  
12 the General Assembly, and the Governor a detailed plan designed  
13 to promote, in the most expeditious manner possible, retail  
14 natural gas competition for residential and small commercial  
15 natural gas consumers while maintaining safe, reliable, and  
16 affordable service. The plan shall include an analysis of the  
17 municipal aggregation of electric consumers, its impact on  
18 savings to consumers, any suggested improvements, and how a  
19 municipal aggregation program could assist natural gas  
20 consumers.

21 Interested parties shall be given the opportunity to review  
22 the plan and provide written comments regarding the plan prior  
23 to its submission to the Commission, the General Assembly, and

1 the Governor. Any written comments received by the Office shall  
2 be posted on the Commission's website. The final plan submitted  
3 to the Commission, the General Assembly, and the Governor must  
4 include summaries of any written comments and must also be  
5 posted on the Commission's website.

6 To the extent the plan calls for Commission action, the  
7 Commission shall initiate any proceeding or proceedings called  
8 for in the final plan within 60 days after receipt of the final  
9 plan and complete those proceedings within 11 months after  
10 their initiation.

11 Nothing in this Section shall prevent the Commission from  
12 acting earlier to remove identified barriers to retail natural  
13 gas competition for residential and small commercial  
14 consumers.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
16 becoming law.