



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

HB5788

by Rep. Silvana Tabares

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 105/4.15 new

Amends the Illinois Act on the Aging. Requires the Department on Aging to establish a rebate program to assist homeowners aged 65 or older in the payment of their monthly water or sewer or combined water and sewer utility bills. Provides that to receive a rebate under the program, an eligible person must submit (i) a copy of his or her monthly water or sewer or combined water and sewer utility bill issued by a recognized utility service provider, (ii) an original or duplicate receipt acknowledging payment of the total monthly bill amount, and (iii) an application for a water or sewer or combined water and sewer utility rebate as prescribed by the Department. Provides that upon receipt of all application materials and following a final determination of eligibility, including verification that the applicant is the customer of record of the utility service provider, the Department shall issue a rebate check to the eligible applicant in an amount equal to 20% of the total bill amount. Grants the Department rulemaking authority. Prohibits the Department from imposing any income restrictions or requirements for purposes of eligibility under the rebate program. Defines utility service provider.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Act on the Aging is amended by
5 adding Section 4.15 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 105/4.15 new)

7 Sec. 4.15. Water and sewer rebate program. The Department
8 shall establish a rebate program to assist homeowners aged 65
9 or older in the payment of their monthly water or sewer or
10 combined water and sewer utility bills. To receive a rebate
11 under the program, an eligible person must submit (i) a copy of
12 his or her monthly water or sewer or combined water and sewer
13 utility bill issued by a recognized utility service provider,
14 (ii) an original or duplicate receipt acknowledging payment of
15 the total monthly bill amount, and (iii) an application for a
16 water or sewer or combined water and sewer utility rebate as
17 prescribed by the Department. Upon receipt of all application
18 materials and following a final determination of eligibility,
19 including verification that the applicant is the customer of
20 record of the utility service provider, the Department shall
21 issue a rebate check to the eligible applicant in an amount
22 equal to 20% of the total bill amount. The Department may adopt
23 any rules necessary to implement this Section, but shall not

1 impose any income restrictions or requirements for purposes of
2 eligibility under the rebate program established under this
3 Section.

4 For purposes of this Section, "utility service provider"
5 means the (i) municipally-owned water utility, combined water
6 and sewer utility, or sewer utility or (ii) privately owned
7 public water utility, sewer and water utility, or sewer utility
8 from which a homeowner receives his or her water or sewer
9 service.