

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2015 and 2016 SB2814

Introduced 2/17/2016, by Sen. Don Harmon

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/20-135 new

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Provides that the Office of Retail Market Development shall: have the function and duties of promoting competition in the natural gas market for all classes of customers; work with all segments of the natural gas market to identify barriers to competition; and recommend to the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Governor, and the General Assembly programs or legislation needed to eliminate those barriers. 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 20-135 as follows:
- 6 (220 ILCS 5/20-135 new)
- 7 Sec. 20-135. Retail choice for natural gas service. The
- 8 Office of Retail Market Development shall also have the
- 9 function and duties of promoting competition in the natural gas
- 10 market for all classes of customers. The Office shall work with
- 11 all segments of the natural gas market to identify barriers to
- 12 competition and recommend to the Commission, to the Governor's
- Office, and to the General Assembly programs or legislation
- 14 needed to eliminate such barriers.
- 15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 16 becoming law.