

1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 683

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 683 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by
5 adding Sections 8-501.5, 8-505.5, and 9-245 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/8-501.5 new)

7 Sec. 8-501.5. Employees and independent contractors;
8 background checks.

9 (a) Before hiring an employee or independent contractor
10 to perform work involving facilities used for the
11 distribution of natural gas to customers, a public utility
12 shall, in accordance with Commission rules, require the
13 proposed employee or independent contractor to complete a
14 certificate listing the proposed employee's or contractor's
15 violations of pertinent safety or environmental laws.

16 (b) The Commission shall adopt rules establishing the
17 requirements for the certificates referred to in subsection
18 (a).

19 (220 ILCS 5/8-505.5 new)

20 Sec. 8-505.5. Work on natural gas regulator or
21 manometer. The Commission shall require, under such rules as

1 it may prescribe, a public utility that is performing work on
2 a natural gas regulator or manometer containing mercury that
3 is used to provide natural gas service to test the immediate
4 area around the regulator or manometer for mercury before and
5 after work is performed using testing instruments of the type
6 approved by the Commission. Copies of the test results, if
7 requested, shall be provided to the occupant or owner of the
8 property upon which the regulator or manometer is located at
9 the time the work is performed. The test results shall be
10 available for inspection by the Commission.

11 (220 ILCS 5/9-245 new)

12 Sec. 9-245. Rates; environmental fines and remediation.
13 In determining the rates for a public utility engaged in
14 providing natural gas service, the Commission may not include
15 any expenditure for fines or remediation and related
16 activities incurred as a result of mercury spills associated
17 with gas pressure regulators, manometers, or any other
18 devices containing mercury in the utility's system. Any
19 related insurance or third party recoveries must also be
20 excluded for ratemaking purposes.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law."