



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 106**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5421

*House of Representatives, March 17, 2004*

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through REP. BACKER of the 121st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION REGARDING THE TERMINATION OF ELECTRIC SERVICES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 16-262d of the general statutes is amended by  
2 adding subsection (h) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

3 (NEW) (h) Upon the termination of electric service to a residential  
4 customer who does not own the residential dwelling, the electric  
5 company or electric distribution company, electric supplier or  
6 municipal utility furnishing the electric service shall mail the owner,  
7 agent, lessor or manager of the residential dwelling a notice of such  
8 termination by first class mail not later than seven calendar days after  
9 the date of termination.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) Prior to opening an account  
11 with a residential customer who does not own the subject residential  
12 dwelling, an electric distribution company, as defined in section 16-1

13 of the general statutes, as amended, an electric supplier, as defined in  
14 said section 16-1, or a municipal utility furnishing electric service may  
15 require such customer to provide it with the name of the owner, agent,  
16 lessor or manager of the residential dwelling. If such customer fails to  
17 provide the requested information, the company, supplier or utility  
18 shall open an account for the customer and allow fifteen days for the  
19 customer to provide such information. If such customer fails to  
20 provide the requested information within fifteen days the company,  
21 supplier or utility may terminate service to such customer.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

**ET**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Public Utility Control, Dept.	CC&PUCF - None	None	None

Note: CC&PUCF=Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill states that before an electric utility or electric supplier can open an account for a customer that does not own his property, that customer must provide the name of the building’s owner. In addition, the bill allows a course of action if the customer fails to provide such information. The bill also makes various changes to the procedure in which an electric utility or electric supplier provides notification of electric service termination, none of which have a fiscal impact on the Department of Public Utility Control.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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TERMINATION OF ELECTRIC SERVICES**

**SUMMARY:**

Under this bill, before a private or municipal electric utility or competitive electric supplier can open an account for a residential customer who does not own his property, it may require the customer to provide the name of the building's owner, agent, lessor, or manager. If the customer does not provide the information, the utility or supplier must open the account and give the customer 15 days to provide it. If the customer does not provide it in this time, the utility or supplier can terminate service.

The bill requires electric utilities and suppliers who terminate service to such customers to mail the building's owner, agent, lessor, or manager notice of the termination by first class mail within seven days after the termination.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2004

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17      Nay 0