



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 375**

LCO No. 1446

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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:  
(ET)

**AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE UTILITY STATUTES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 16-333f of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2004*):

4 (a) Each community antenna television company shall inform the  
5 Department of Public Utility Control, each subscriber [, the  
6 chairpersons of the joint standing committee having cognizance of  
7 matters relating to public utilities] and the chairperson of the  
8 company's advisory council of any planned programming or rate  
9 changes not less than thirty days unless otherwise required by federal  
10 law prior to implementing such changes unless (1) such changes are  
11 required by law to be made in less than thirty days, or (2) the  
12 department prescribes a longer or shorter notice period in appropriate  
13 circumstances where such longer or shorter notice period is in the best  
14 interest of the company's subscribers. The company's advisory council  
15 may hold an advisory public hearing concerning the planned changes  
16 and may then make a recommendation to the company prior to the  
17 planned implementation date. The department shall adopt regulations,

18 in accordance with chapter 54, to carry out the purposes of this  
19 subsection.

20 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 16-262c of the general statutes is  
21 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
22 *October 1, 2004*):

23 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of the general statutes no  
24 electric, electric distribution, gas, telephone or water company, no  
25 electric supplier or certified telecommunications provider, and no  
26 municipal utility furnishing electric, gas, telephone or water service  
27 shall cause cessation of any such service by reason of delinquency in  
28 payment for such service (1) on any Friday, Saturday, Sunday, legal  
29 holiday or day before any legal holiday, provided such a company,  
30 electric supplier, certified telecommunications provider or municipal  
31 utility may cause cessation of such service to a nonresidential account  
32 on a Friday which is not a legal holiday or [the day] on a Friday before  
33 a legal holiday when the business offices of the company, electric  
34 supplier, certified telecommunications provider or municipal utility  
35 are open to the public the succeeding Saturday, (2) at any time during  
36 which the business offices of said company, electric supplier, certified  
37 telecommunications provider or municipal utility are not open to the  
38 public, or (3) within one hour before the closing of the business offices  
39 of said company, electric supplier or municipal utility.

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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To delete the provision requiring a cable company to notify the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public utilities regarding any planned programming or rate changes and to clarify language in the provisions regarding the termination of utility service for nonpayment.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*