



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 445**

*January Session, 2009*

Substitute House Bill No. 6127

*House of Representatives, April 2, 2009*

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through REP. NARDELLO of the 89th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING UTILITY DEPOSITS FOR BUSINESS CUSTOMERS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Public Utility  
2 Control shall initiate a docket to examine the collection of deposits by  
3 public service companies from any customer or prospective customer  
4 other than a residential customer or prospective residential customer.  
5 Such examination shall include, but not be limited to, consideration of  
6 (1) a maximum deposit amount that public service companies may  
7 collect from any customer or prospective customer other than a  
8 residential customer or prospective residential customer, (2) criteria to  
9 determine creditworthiness of customers, (3) criteria for when the  
10 public service company shall return the deposit plus interest, and (4)  
11 provisions for collecting deposits from customers moving from one  
12 location to another within the service area of the same company. On or  
13 before February 1, 2010, the department shall report the results of such  
14 docket to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having

15 cognizance of matters relating to energy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In section 1(2), "of customers" was added for clarity.

**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:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

This bill requires the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) to initiate a docket to examine the collection of deposits by public service companies from business customers. DPUC currently opens approximately 350 new dockets a year. There is no anticipated fiscal impact associated with opening this additional docket.

***The Out Years***

None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/17/2009)