



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 6127**

LCO No. 4525

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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:  
(ET)

**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. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any  
2 provisions of the general statutes, public service companies may collect  
3 from any customer or prospective customer other than a residential  
4 customer or prospective residential customer such company deems not  
5 to be creditworthy a deposit that shall not exceed an amount  
6 equivalent to the estimated maximum bill for thirty days, provided (1)  
7 no deposit shall exceed the amount determined by the Department of  
8 Public Utility Control pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and (2)  
9 the public service company shall return the deposit plus interest to  
10 customers meeting criteria determined by the Department of Public  
11 Utility Control pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

12 (b) On or before January 1, 2010, the Department of Public Utility  
13 Control shall conduct a contested case proceeding regarding the  
14 collection of deposits pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to  
15 establish (1) a maximum deposit amount that public service companies  
16 may collect from any customer or prospective customer other than a

17 residential customer or prospective residential customer, (2) criteria to  
18 determine creditworthiness, (3) criteria for when the public service  
19 company shall return the deposit plus interest, and (4) provisions for  
20 collecting deposits from customers moving from one location to  
21 another within the service area of the same company.

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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To revise current utility security deposit requirements for small business owners to reduce their burden.

*[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.]*

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