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**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE  
TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION  
COMPANIES AND THEIR AFFILIATES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) No propane supplier  
4 shall terminate service for nonpayment to any eligible residential  
5 propane customer living at a location served by ten or more vapor  
6 meters for central heating purposes (1) on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday,  
7 legal holiday, the day before a legal holiday, or less than one hour  
8 before such propane supplier's offices close for the day, (2) without  
9 fourteen days' written notice of such pending termination, including  
10 the date of termination and steps a customer can take to reinstate  
11 service, to the resident customer and the owner of record, and (3) for  
12 customers who provide documentation that they have applied for  
13 energy assistance, between November first and May first. A propane  
14 supplier may collect finance charges on past due balances not to

15 exceed one and one-half per cent per month. If a propane supplier  
16 determines that a dangerous condition exists, such propane supplier  
17 may terminate any service at any time without notice.

18 (b) As used in this section, (1) "eligible residential propane  
19 customer" means a residential propane customer (A) who receives  
20 local, state or federal public assistance, (B) whose sole source of  
21 financial support is Social Security, Veterans' Administration or  
22 unemployment compensation benefits, (C) who is head of the  
23 household and is unemployed, and the household income is less than  
24 three hundred per cent of the poverty level determined by the federal  
25 government, (D) who is seriously ill or who has a household member  
26 who is seriously ill, (E) whose income falls below two hundred per  
27 cent of the poverty level determined by the federal government, or (F)  
28 whose circumstances threaten a deprivation of food and the necessities  
29 of life for himself or dependent children if payment of a delinquent bill  
30 is required; and (2) "household income" means the combined income  
31 over a twelve-month period of the customer and all adults, except  
32 children of the customer, who are and have been members of the  
33 household for six months or more."