



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6403

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* _____HB06403APP__052711_____*

**AN ACT CONCERNING UTILITY TERMINATION FOR HOUSEHOLDS
WITH A CHILD NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS OLD.**

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 16-262c of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

4 (b) (1) From November first to May first, inclusive, no electric or
5 electric distribution company, as defined in section 16-1, no electric
6 supplier and no municipal utility furnishing electricity shall terminate,
7 deny or refuse to reinstate residential electric service in hardship cases
8 where the customer lacks the financial resources to pay his or her
9 entire account. From November first to May first, inclusive, no gas
10 company and no municipal utility furnishing gas shall terminate, deny
11 or refuse to reinstate residential gas service in hardship cases where
12 the customer uses such gas for heat and lacks the financial resources to
13 pay his or her entire account, except a gas company that, between May
14 second and October thirty-first, terminated gas service to a residential
15 customer who uses gas for heat and who, during the previous period
16 of November first to May first, had gas service maintained because of
17 hardship status, may refuse to reinstate the gas service from November
18 first to May first, inclusive, only if the customer has failed to pay, since
19 the preceding November first, the lesser of: (A) Twenty per cent of the

20 outstanding principal balance owed the gas company as of the date of
 21 termination, (B) one hundred dollars, or (C) the minimum payments
 22 due under the customer's amortization agreement. Notwithstanding
 23 any other provision of the general statutes to the contrary, no electric,
 24 electric distribution or gas company, no electric supplier and no
 25 municipal utility furnishing electricity or gas shall terminate, deny or
 26 refuse to reinstate residential electric or gas service where the customer
 27 lacks the financial resources to pay his or her entire account and for
 28 which customer or a member of the customer's household the
 29 termination, denial of or failure to reinstate such service would create a
 30 life-threatening situation. From October first until June first, no
 31 electric, electric distribution or gas company, no electric supplier and
 32 no municipal utility furnishing electricity or gas shall terminate, deny
 33 or refuse to reinstate residential electric or gas service where the
 34 customer is a hardship case and lacks the financial resources to pay his
 35 or her entire account and a child not more than twenty-four months
 36 old resides in the customer's household and such child has been
 37 admitted to the hospital and received discharge papers on which the
 38 attending physician has indicated such service is a necessity for sixty
 39 days.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2011	16-262c(b)(1)

ET *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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