



General Assembly

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 6405**

January Session, 2011

LCO No. 4969

**AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF SERIOUSLY ILL UTILITY  
CUSTOMERS.**

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

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  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

4 (b) No such company, electric supplier or municipal utility shall  
5 effect termination of service for nonpayment during such time as any  
6 resident of a dwelling to which such service is furnished is seriously ill,  
7 if the fact of such serious illness is certified to such company, electric  
8 supplier or municipal utility by a registered physician or an advanced  
9 practice registered nurse within such period of time after the mailing  
10 of a termination notice pursuant to subsection (a) of this section as the  
11 Department of Public Utility Control may by regulation establish,  
12 provided the customer agrees to amortize the unpaid balance of his  
13 account over a reasonable period of time and keeps current his account  
14 for utility service as charges accrue in each subsequent billing period.

15 For the purposes of this subsection, "serious illness" means a medical  
16 condition that would endanger the life of any resident of a dwelling if  
17 utility service to such resident's dwelling was terminated.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	16-262d(b)
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