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Offered by:
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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND PLANNING FOR CONNECTICUT'S ENERGY FUTURE."

1 Strike section 120 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Section 120. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 16-262c of
4 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
5 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

6 (b) (1) From November first to May first, inclusive, no electric or
7 electric distribution company, as defined in section 16-1, no electric
8 supplier and no municipal utility furnishing electricity shall terminate,
9 deny or refuse to reinstate residential electric service in hardship cases
10 where the customer lacks the financial resources to pay his or her
11 entire account. From November first to May first, inclusive, no gas
12 company and no municipal utility furnishing gas shall terminate, deny
13 or refuse to reinstate residential gas service in hardship cases where
14 the customer uses such gas for heat and lacks the financial resources to

15 pay his or her entire account, except a gas company that, between May
16 second and October thirty-first, terminated gas service to a residential
17 customer who uses gas for heat and who, during the previous period
18 of November first to May first, had gas service maintained because of
19 hardship status, may refuse to reinstate the gas service from November
20 first to May first, inclusive, only if the customer has failed to pay, since
21 the preceding November first, the lesser of: (A) Twenty per cent of the
22 outstanding principal balance owed the gas company as of the date of
23 termination, (B) one hundred dollars, or (C) the minimum payments
24 due under the customer's amortization agreement. Notwithstanding
25 any other provision of the general statutes to the contrary, no electric,
26 electric distribution or gas company, no electric supplier and no
27 municipal utility furnishing electricity or gas shall terminate, deny or
28 refuse to reinstate residential electric or gas service where the customer
29 lacks the financial resources to pay his or her entire account and for
30 which customer or a member of the customer's household the
31 termination, denial of or failure to reinstate such service would create a
32 life-threatening situation. From October first until June first, no
33 electric, electric distribution or gas company, no electric supplier and
34 no municipal utility furnishing electricity or gas shall terminate, deny
35 or refuse to reinstate residential electric or gas service where the
36 customer is a hardship case and lacks the financial resources to pay his
37 or her entire account and a child not more than twenty-four months
38 old resides in the customer's household and such child has been
39 admitted to the hospital and received discharge papers on which the
40 attending physician has indicated such service is a necessity for sixty
41 days."