



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 6018**

LCO No. 5428



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:  
(ET)

**AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COMPANY  
SERVICE RESTORATION FOR CUSTOMERS WITH SERIOUS HEALTH  
CONDITIONS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 16-32h of the general statutes is amended by  
2 adding subsection (i) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 (NEW) (i) The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall initiate a  
4 docket to establish industry specific standards for acceptable  
5 performance by each utility in an emergency to protect customers who  
6 are diagnosed with a serious health condition, as defined in section 31-  
7 51kk, by prioritizing and facilitating restoration of service outages and  
8 disruptions and reducing the duration of such outages and disruptions  
9 for such customers. Such standards shall include, but not be limited to,  
10 the following requirements for each such utility:

11 (1) Keeping an updated list of customers who are diagnosed with a  
12 serious health condition;

13 (2) Publishing relevant information on its Internet web site  
14 regarding how a customer may notify the utility regarding a serious

15 health condition;

16 (3) Establishing a process that enables a medical professional to  
17 notify the utility regarding any patient of such medical professional  
18 who has a serious health condition; and

19 (4) Providing staff training on how to promptly restore service  
20 outages and disruptions for customers with a serious health condition.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	16-32h

**Statement of Purpose:**

To ensure that electric distribution company customers diagnosed with serious health conditions are given priority in the restoration of electric service during a service outage or disruption.

*[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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