



General Assembly

January Session, 2023

Substitute Bill No. 5641



AN ACT CONCERNING PROCEDURES TO PREVENT UTILITY SERVICE TERMINATIONS AT RENTAL PROPERTIES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) Each gas company and
2 electric distribution company, as such terms are defined in section 16-1
3 of the general statutes, shall, upon request of a person who certifies
4 that such person is the owner of a residential dwelling to which the
5 company provides service that is billed to a person other than such
6 requestor, agree to:

7 (1) Transfer gas or electric service, as applicable, to such requestor's
8 name, whenever the company intends to terminate service to such
9 dwelling absent a request made pursuant to this section;

10 (2) Notify such requestor by United States mail not later than
11 seventy-two hours after any such transfer of service; and

12 (3) Pay compensation to such requestor for damage that results from
13 a termination of service to the dwelling, including, but not limited to,
14 damage caused by burst pipes, if the company fails to transfer service
15 in accordance with such request.

16 (b) Any request made pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall
17 be in writing in a form prescribed by the Public Utilities Regulatory
18 Authority. Such request shall include: (1) A certification that the

19 requestor is the owner of the residential dwelling that is the subject of
20 the request; and (2) the mailing address of the requestor that shall be
21 used by such gas or electric distribution company, as applicable, to
22 mail notice in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this
23 section.

24 (c) Any requestor who seeks compensation pursuant to subdivision
25 (3) of subsection (a) of this section shall send a demand for
26 compensation in writing to the applicable gas or electric distribution
27 company or companies, together with any evidence such requestor
28 chooses to provide. Any company that receives such demand shall, not
29 later than thirty days after receipt, either pay the compensation
30 demanded or deny liability.

31 (d) No gas company or electric distribution company may disclose
32 to the requestor the reason the company intends to terminate service
33 absent a request made pursuant to this section.

34 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require such
35 requestor to pay an account balance or arrearage of any customer who
36 was billed for service at such residential dwelling before the transfer of
37 service to such requestor's name.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The title was changed.

ET *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*