



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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LCO No. 9958



Offered by:  
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5641

File No. 302

Cal. No. 200

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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2024*) (a) Each gas company and  
4 electric distribution company, as such terms are defined in section 16-1  
5 of the general statutes, shall, upon request of a person who certifies that  
6 such person is the owner of a residential property or commercial  
7 property that contains not more than twelve thousand square feet of  
8 total floor area that is rented or leased to which the company provides  
9 service that is billed to a person other than such requestor, agree to:

10 (1) Notify such requestor by United States mail not less than seventy-  
11 two hours prior to terminating service to such property; and

12 (2) Reinstate gas or electric service, as applicable, by transferring such  
13 service to such requestor's name, if, at a later date, such requestor  
14 requests such reinstatement.

15 (b) Any request made pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall  
 16 be in writing in a form prescribed by the Public Utilities Regulatory  
 17 Authority. The authority shall prescribe such form and the  
 18 implementation date for such form after evaluating evidence from  
 19 electric distribution companies, gas companies and other interested  
 20 parties in an uncontested proceeding. Such request shall include: (1) A  
 21 certification that the requestor is the owner of the residential or  
 22 commercial property that is the subject of the request; and (2) the  
 23 mailing address of the requestor that shall be used by such gas or electric  
 24 distribution company, as applicable, to mail notice in accordance with  
 25 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section. The requestor shall be  
 26 responsible for notifying such gas or electric distribution company of  
 27 any change to such requestor's mailing address or of the sale of such  
 28 property in a timely manner.

29 (c) No gas company or electric distribution company may disclose to  
 30 the requestor the reason the company terminates service to such  
 31 property.

32 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require such  
 33 requestor to pay an account balance or arrearage of any customer who  
 34 was billed for service at such property before such service was  
 35 terminated."

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                 |             |
| Section 1   | January 1, 2024 | New section |