

AN ACT concerning utilities.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by changing Section 8-205 as follows:

(220 ILCS 5/8-205) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 8-205)

Sec. 8-205. (a) Termination of gas and electric utility service to all residential users, including all tenants of mastermetersed apartment buildings, for nonpayment of bills, where gas or electricity is used as the only source of space heating or to control or operate the only space heating equipment at the residence is prohibited,

(1) on any day when the National Weather Service forecast for the following 24 hours covering the area of the utility in which the residence is located includes a forecast that the temperature will be 32 degrees Fahrenheit or below; or

(2) on any day preceding a holiday or a weekend when such a forecast indicated that the temperature will be 32 degrees Fahrenheit or below during the holiday or weekend.

(b) If gas or electricity is used as the only source of space cooling or to control or operate the only space cooling equipment at a residence, then a utility ~~with over 100,000~~

~~residential customers~~ may not terminate gas or electric utility service to a ~~the~~ residential user, including all tenants of mastermetered apartment buildings, for nonpayment of bills:

(1) on any day when the National Weather Service forecast for the following 24 hours covering the area of the utility in which the residence is located includes a forecast that the temperature will be 90 ~~95~~ degrees Fahrenheit or above; ~~or~~

(2) on any day preceding a holiday or weekend when the National Weather Service for the following 24 hours covering the area of the utility in which the residence is located includes a forecast ~~indicates~~ that the temperature will be 90 ~~95~~ degrees Fahrenheit or above during the holiday or weekend; or

(3) when the National Weather Service issues an excessive heat watch, heat advisory, or excessive heat warning covering the area of the utility in which the residence is located.

(Source: P.A. 95-772, eff. 8-1-08.)