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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits electric and gas public utility residential rate increases during certain times of year; requires advance notice of certain rate increases.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning electric public utility and gas public utility rate
2 increases and supplementing Title 48 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. As used in this section:

8 “Board” means the Board of Public Utilities.

9 “Electric public utility” means a public utility, as that term is
10 defined in R.S.48:2-13, that distributes electricity to end users
11 within the State.

12 “Gas public utility” means a public utility, as that term is defined
13 in R.S.48:2-13, that distributes gas to end users within the State.

14 b. Notwithstanding any law, rule, regulation, or order to the
15 contrary, an electric public utility rate increase for residential
16 customers shall not go into effect during the summer season from
17 June 1 through August 31 or during the winter season from January
18 1 through March 31.

19 c. Notwithstanding any law, rule, regulation, or order to the
20 contrary, a gas public utility rate increase for residential customers
21 shall not go into effect during the winter season from January 1
22 through March 31.

23 d. At least 30 days before an electric public utility or gas public
24 utility residential rate increase goes into effect pursuant to
25 subsections b. or c. of this section, an electric public utility or gas
26 public utility shall provide notice of the rate increase to residential
27 customers via mail or electronic mail.

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill prohibits electric public utility residential rate increases
35 during the summer, from June 1 through August 31, and electric
36 public utility and gas public utility residential rate increases during
37 the winter, from January 1 through March 31. In addition, the bill
38 requires electric public utilities and gas public utilities to provide
39 residential customers with at least 30 days advance notice of the
40 rate increase via mail or electronic mail.