

House Consumer Protection, Technology and Utilities Committee

September 29, 2026

10:00AM

Room 523 Irvis Office Building

Call to Order

Roll Call

HB 2480 (Rep. Ortitay)

Requires utilities to ensure that at least one Automated external defibrillator (AED) is readily available and operable at each worksite.

A04305 (Metzgar)

HB 2584 (Rep. Fiedler)

Public Utility Rate Transparency and Online Database Requirement

Amendment A04167 (Pielli)

Amendment A04230 (Pielli)

HB 2590 (Rep. Webster)

Amending The Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951 to permit a landlord to obtain shared internet subscriptions for tenants from third-party Internet Service Providers (ISP) and allow the use of a ratio utility billing system (RUBS) to allocate costs to their tenants.

HB 2596 (Rep. Howard)

Requires public utilities to offer customers the option to opt into—and at any time opt out of—having their utility payments reported to a nationwide credit reporting agency.

HB 2674 (Rep. Pielli)

Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) to define commercial data centers and refine the statutory definition of a public utility.

Amendment A04235 (Pielli)

Any Other Business

Rereferral – HB 2648 to the Insurance Committee

Adjournment

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2480 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY ORTITAY, MATZIE, JAMES, RIVERA, KUZMA, NEILSON,
CIRESI, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ AND BOROWSKI, MAY 1, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND
UTILITIES, MAY 4, 2026

AN ACT

1 Requiring automated external defibrillators at utility or
2 electrical worksites; imposing duties on the Department of
3 Labor and Industry; and imposing penalties.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Utility
8 Worksite Automated External Defibrillator Safety Act.

9 Section 2. Legislative findings and purpose.

10 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
11 follows:

12 (1) Pennsylvania lineworkers perform some of the most
13 important and dangerous work in this Commonwealth, as they
14 routinely work on energized electrical systems, at
15 significant heights, in confined spaces and in all weather
16 conditions, often during storms and disasters.

17 (2) Sudden cardiac arrest is a constant risk to these
18 workers due to electrical shock, extreme exertion or trauma.

1 (3) In sudden cardiac arrest, survival is measured in
2 seconds, and the chance of survival decreases by about 10%
3 for every minute that passes without defibrillation.

4 (4) AEDs are simple, portable devices designed so that
5 anyone can use them with minimal training, and they can mean
6 the difference between life and death.

7 (5) The risk of death from sudden cardiac arrest is
8 elevated in rural communities, where the nearest hospital or
9 emergency medical services station may be 20 to 40 minutes
10 away.

11 (6) Pennsylvania law already mandates AEDs in schools,
12 hotels, health clubs and coal mines, yet there is currently
13 no requirement that electric utilities or their contractors
14 provide AEDs at worksites where linework and electrical work
15 are performed.

16 (7) This lack of a requirement leaves a critical gap in
17 protection for workers whose jobs are both inherently
18 hazardous and essential to public safety and the reliability
19 of the electric grid.

20 (8) AEDs are inexpensive, easy to use and require
21 minimal training, and for large utilities, the cost of
22 purchasing and maintaining AEDs and providing basic training
23 is small when compared to the human and financial cost of a
24 preventable death and the loss of a skilled, experienced
25 lineworker.

26 (9) Experienced lineworkers are essential to maintaining
27 and restoring our electric grid.

28 (10) Pennsylvania already protects students, health club
29 members, hotel guests and miners with AED mandates, and the
30 lineworkers who power our homes, businesses and hospitals

deserve the same protection.

(11) The United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration does not maintain a specific standard or policy governing the placement or maintenance of AEDs at worksites.

(b) Purposes.--The purposes of this act are to:

(1) Ensure the availability and operability of AEDs at each utility or electrical worksite, including a temporary, mobile or field worksite.

(2) Require basic AED and CPR training for lineworkers and line crew leaders and establish reasonable maintenance and inspection standards.

(3) Extend and clarify Good Samaritan protections so that individuals who use AEDs in good faith are shielded from unnecessary liability, consistent with existing protections in schools, health clubs, hotels and coal mines.

Section 3. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Automated external defibrillator" or "AED." A portable medical device that:

(1) Is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

(2) Is designed to be operated by a layperson.

(3) Is capable of recognizing the presence or absence of ventricular fibrillation or rapid ventricular tachycardia and determining, without intervention by the user, whether defibrillation should be performed.

(4) Upon determining that defibrillation should be

performed, automatically charges and requests delivery of an electrical impulse to an individual's heart.

"Cardiopulmonary resuscitation" or "CPR." A first aid technique utilizing hands-only compressions of the chest used to revive an individual whose heart has stopped beating.

"Department." The Department of Labor and Industry of the Commonwealth.

"Lineworker." An employee or contractor who performs or supervises construction, maintenance, repair or operation of overhead or underground electric utility lines or related electrical equipment.

"Utility."

(1) Any of the following employers of lineworkers:

(i) A public utility as defined in 66 Pa.C.S. § 102 (relating to definitions).

(ii) A municipal electric system operating within this Commonwealth.

(iii) Any other entity engaged in the generation, transmission or distribution of electric power within this Commonwealth.

(2) The term includes a contractors or subcontractor performing linework or electrical work on behalf of an entity enumerated under paragraph (1).

"Utility or electrical worksite" or "worksite." A location, whether fixed or in the field, where linework or electrical work is performed for a utility in connection with the generation, transmission or distribution of electric power, including a substation, pole or line location, construction or maintenance site or other location designated by the utility where lineworkers are assigned to perform electric utility or

1 electrical work.

2 Section 4. AED availability on worksites.

3 (a) Duty of utility.--A utility shall ensure that at least
4 one AED is readily available and operable at each worksite.

5 (b) Temporary, mobile or filed worksites.--For each worksite
6 that is temporary, mobile or in the field, including a location
7 where a lineworker is working on poles, underground facilities
8 or storm restoration activities, the AED required under
9 subsection (a) must be:

10 (1) located on a vehicle, trailer or other mobile unit
11 that remains on or in reasonable proximity to the worksite;
12 and

13 (2) reasonably accessible to lineworkers and line crew
14 leaders during working hours.

15 (c) Multiple locations.--If a utility deploys multiple line
16 crews to distinct locations:

17 (1) For the purposes of this section, each distinct
18 location shall be treated as a separate worksite.

19 (2) The utility shall ensure that an AED is readily
20 available and operative at each location in accordance with
21 this section.

22 Section 5. Notice.

23 A utility shall:

24 (1) Post or otherwise communicate the location of each
25 AED to line crew leaders, lineworkers and other employees at
26 a worksite.

27 (2) Include information on the location of each AED in
28 any applicable job safety briefing conducted prior to the
29 start of work or on any tailboard of a vehicle used at a
30 worksite.

1 Section 6. Training.

2 (a) Basic training in CPR and AED use.--

3 (1) Each line crew leader assigned to a worksite shall
4 maintain current certification in CPR and AED use from a
5 nationally recognized organization.

6 (2) Each utility shall ensure that a sufficient number
7 of lineworkers at each worksite are trained in CPR and AED
8 use and reasonably present at the worksite during working
9 hours.

10 (b) Contents.--CPR and AED use training under this section
11 must include:

12 (1) Recognition of sudden cardiac arrest.

13 (2) Prompt activation of emergency medical services.

14 (3) Proper operation and use of an AED.

15 (4) Basic CPR techniques.

16 (c) Records.--Each utility shall maintain records of
17 required training under this section and shall make the records
18 available for inspection upon request by the department.

19 Section 7. Maintenance and inspection.

20 (a) Maintenance standards.--A utility shall:

21 (1) Maintain each AED in accordance with the
22 manufacturer's guidelines.

23 (2) Ensure that AED batteries, pads and other required
24 accessories are within the manufacturer's recommended service
25 life and are replaced as necessary.

26 (3) Ensure that each AED is stored in a manner that
27 protects it from damage and environmental conditions likely
28 to impair its operation.

29 (b) Inspection.--Each utility shall establish and implement
30 reasonable inspection procedures to verify that each AED:

1 (1) Is present at each designated location.

2 (2) Indicates readiness for use through self-test or
3 status indicators.

4 (3) Is not visibly damaged or otherwise compromised.

5 (c) Documentation.--Each utility shall document required
6 inspections and retain the documentation for a period of not
7 less than two years.

8 Section 8. Immunities.

9 (a) Good Samaritan immunity.--A person who, in good faith
10 and without compensation, uses or attempts to use an AED at a
11 worksite to render emergency care or treatment to an individual
12 in apparent sudden cardiac arrest shall be immune from civil
13 liability for any damage or injury resulting from the use or
14 attempted use, or from any act or omission in providing or
15 arranging further medical treatment, except for acts or
16 omissions that constitute gross negligence or willful or wanton
17 misconduct.

18 (b) Utility, owner and operator immunity.--A utility or an
19 owner or operator of a worksite, including an officer, employee
20 or agent of the utility or owner or operator of the worksite,
21 that acquires, provides, installs, maintains or makes an AED
22 available in compliance with this act shall be immune from civil
23 liability for any damage or injury resulting from the use or
24 attempted use of the AED by any person, except for acts or
25 omissions that constitute gross negligence or willful or wanton
26 misconduct.

27 (c) Consistency with existing law.--The immunities provided
28 under this section:

29 (1) Are intended to be consistent with and in addition
30 to protections applicable to the use of AEDs in schools,

1 health clubs, hotels and coal mines under existing law.

2 (2) Shall be construed broadly to effectuate the purpose
3 of encouraging the availability and use of AEDs in
4 emergencies.

5 Section 9. Investigations.

6 (a) Authorization.--If the department receives information
7 indicating that a person has violated this act, the department
8 may investigate the matter.

9 (b) Permitted actions.--As part of an investigation under
10 this section, an authorized representative of the department may
11 take any of the following actions:

12 (1) Enter and inspect a worksite at any reasonable time
13 to examine and inspect records that relate to compliance with
14 this act.

15 (2) Subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, examine
16 witnesses and copy or compel the production of records,
17 contracts and other documents that are necessary and
18 appropriate for the enforcement of this act.

19 Section 10. Penalties.

20 A person that violates this act shall be subject to the
21 following:

22 (1) For a first violation, the department shall issue a
23 warning letter to the person detailing the violation and
24 shall provide 30 days for the person to correct the
25 violation.

26 (2) For a second or subsequent violation, the department
27 shall bring administrative action to assess a fine not
28 exceeding \$500.

29 Section 11. Regulations.

30 (a) Authorization.--The department may promulgate

1 regulations as necessary to implement, administer and enforce
2 this act.

3 (b) Conflict with Federal law.--If the department determines
4 that any provision of this act conflicts with or is preempted by
5 Federal law, including regulations of the Unites States
6 Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the department
7 shall:

8 (1) Issue a statement of policy explaining the conflict
9 or preemption, the entities and individuals impacted and any
10 other information that may be relevant to the public.

11 (2) Transmit notice of the statement of policy under
12 paragraph (1) to the Legislative Reference Bureau for
13 publication in the next available issue of the Pennsylvania
14 Bulletin.

15 (3) Conduct outreach to stakeholders as soon as
16 practicable and provide a reasonable time for stakeholders to
17 provide feedback on the statement of policy under paragraph
18 (1).

19 Section 12. Construction.

20 Nothing in this act shall be construed to:

21 (1) Create a duty for any person to use an AED.

22 (2) Require the placement of an AED in a location other
23 than a utility or electrical worksite.

24 (3) Limit or reduce protections or requirements for AEDs
25 under other Federal or State law.

26 Section 13. Effective date.

27 This act shall take effect in 60 days.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB2480 PN3338	Prepared By:	Sean Gatten (717) 783-0250
Committee:	Consumer Protection & Utilities	Executive Director:	Timothy Scott
Sponsor:	Ortitay, Jason		
Date:	7/17/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Requires utilities to ensure that at least one Automated external defibrillator (AED) is readily available and operable at each worksite.

C. Analysis of the Bill

House Bill 2480 establishes a free standing act, known as the Utility Worksite Automated External Defibrillator Safety Act. The bill mandates the availability, maintenance, and proper training for Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) at electric utility worksites across Pennsylvania, as follows:

Mandatory AED Availability:

Requires public utilities, municipal electric systems, electric generators/distributors, and their contractors to ensure at least one operable AED is readily accessible at every fixed or mobile/field worksite (including line trucks, substations, and storm restoration sites).

Jobsite Notifications:

Utilities must communicate AED locations to crews and explicitly include AED locations in pre-job safety briefings or vehicle tailboard meetings.

Training Requirements:

Line crew leaders must maintain current CPR/AED certification. Utilities must ensure a sufficient number of trained lineworkers are present during working hours and keep training records for inspection.

Maintenance & Inspection:

AEDs must be stored safely, maintained per manufacturer guidelines, and inspected regularly to confirm readiness. Inspection records must be retained for at least two years.

Civil Immunity Protections:

Provides broad Good Samaritan immunity for individuals using an AED in good faith during an emergency, as well as liability protection for utilities/employers complying with the law (excluding gross negligence or willful misconduct).

Enforcement & Penalties:

Administered by the Department of Labor and Industry. First-time violations trigger a warning letter with 30 days to correct; second or subsequent violations carry an administrative fine up to \$500.

Effective Date:

60 Days

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Pennsylvania already protects students, health club members, hotel guests, and miners with AED mandates.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

This bill is similar to SB 1328, introduced by Sen. Bartolotta this legislative session.

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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2480

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 3338

1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 9 through 18; page 2, lines 1
2 through 30; page 3, lines 1 through 16; by striking out all of
3 said lines on said pages

4 Amend Bill, page 3, line 17, by striking out "3" and
5 inserting

6 2

7 Amend Bill, page 3, lines 21 through 30; page 4, lines 1
8 through 5; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and
9 inserting

10 "Automated external defibrillator" or "AED." A portable
11 device that uses electric shock to restore a stable heart rhythm
12 to an individual in cardiac arrest.

13 "CPR." Cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

14 Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 11 and 12

15 "Mutual assistance event." An event during which a utility
16 activates a mutual assistance agreement or participates in an
17 established mutual assistance network, including through the
18 Edison Electric Institute or a comparable industry organization,
19 to obtain assistance from out-of-State utility personnel or
20 contractors in response to an emergency or storm restoration
21 need.

22 Amend Bill, page 4, lines 29 and 30; page 5, line 1; by
23 striking out "where" in line 29, all of line 30 on page 4 and
24 "electrical work" in line 1 on page 5

25 Amend Bill, page 5, line 2, by striking out "4" and inserting
26 3

27 Amend Bill, page 5, line 5, by striking out "filed" and

1 inserting
2 field
3 Amend Bill, page 5, line 6, by striking out "a" and inserting
4 each
5 Amend Bill, page 5, line 11, by striking out "or in
6 reasonable proximity to"
7 Amend Bill, page 5, lines 16 and 17, by striking out ":",
8 (1) For the purposes of this section"
9 Amend Bill, page 5, lines 19 through 21, by striking out all
10 of said lines and inserting
11 (d) Contractor confirmation.--A utility that engages a
12 contractor or subcontractor to perform linework or electrical
13 work at a worksite shall confirm, prior to the commencement of
14 work, that the contractor or subcontractor has represented its
15 compliance with this section. This subsection shall not create
16 liability for a utility based on a contractor's or
17 subcontractor's failure to comply with this act.
18 (e) Mutual assistance.--
19 (1) Any utility personnel or contractors performing
20 linework or electrical work in this Commonwealth in response
21 to a mutual assistance event shall not be subject to the
22 requirements of this section.
23 (2) This subsection shall not apply to utility personnel
24 or contractors performing linework or electrical work in this
25 Commonwealth outside the context of a mutual assistance
26 event.
27 Amend Bill, page 5, line 22, by striking out "5" and
28 inserting
29 4
30 Amend Bill, page 5, line 29, by striking out "or" and
31 inserting a comma
32 Amend Bill, page 5, line 29, by inserting after "vehicle"
33 or in a conspicuous location on a vehicle
34 Amend Bill, page 6, line 1, by striking out "6" and inserting
35 5

1 Amend Bill, page 6, lines 2 through 5, by striking out all of
2 said lines and inserting

3 (a) Duty of utility.--
4 (1) A utility shall ensure, at no cost to crew leaders,
5 lineworkers or other employees, training and certification in
6 CPR and AED use from any of the following:
7 (i) The American Red Cross.
8 (ii) The American Heart Association.
9 (iii) National Safety Council.
10 (iv) An individual certified to conduct CPR training
11 by the American Red Cross, American Heart Association or
12 other certifying agency approved by the Department of
13 Health.
14 (v) Another certifying agency approved by the
15 Department of Health.

16 Amend Bill, page 6, lines 6 and 7, by striking out "a
17 sufficient number of" and inserting
18 at least two employees or

19 Amend Bill, page 6, line 19, by striking out "7" and
20 inserting
21 6

22 Amend Bill, page 6, line 21, by striking out "Maintain each
23 AED" and inserting
24 Ensure that each AED is tested and maintained

25 Amend Bill, page 6, line 22, by inserting after
26 "manufacturer's"
27 operational

28 Amend Bill, page 7, line 8, by striking out "8" and inserting
29 7

30 Amend Bill, page 7, lines 9 through 17, by striking out "A
31 person who, in good faith" in line 9 and all of lines 10 through
32 17 and inserting
33 The provisions of 42 Pa.C.S. § 8331.2 (relating to good
34 Samaritan civil immunity for use of automated defibrillator)
35 shall apply to an individual who renders care with an AED.

36 Amend Bill, page 7, lines 27 through 30; page 8, lines 1

1 through 4; by striking out all of said lines on said pages

2 Amend Bill, page 8, line 5, by striking out "9" and inserting
3 8

4 Amend Bill, page 8, line 19, by striking out "10" and
5 inserting
6 9

7 Amend Bill, page 8, line 20, by striking out "person" and
8 inserting
9 utility

10 Amend Bill, page 8, line 23, by striking out "person" and
11 inserting
12 utility

13 Amend Bill, page 8, line 24, by striking out "person" and
14 inserting
15 utility

16 Amend Bill, page 8, lines 27 and 28, by striking out "bring
17 administrative action to assess a fine not exceeding \$500" and
18 inserting
19 assess an administrative penalty of not more than \$500
20 for each violation

21 Amend Bill, page 8, line 29, by striking out "11" and
22 inserting
23 10

24 Amend Bill, page 9, line 19, by striking out "12" and
25 inserting
26 11

27 Amend Bill, page 9, line 26, by striking out "13" and
28 inserting
29 12

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2584 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY FIEDLER, HARKINS, DONAHUE, RABB, WAXMAN, HANBIDGE,
VENKAT, PROBST, GUZMAN, HOHENSTEIN, SANCHEZ, NEILSON,
PASHINSKI AND D. WILLIAMS, JUNE 1, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND
UTILITIES, JUNE 2, 2026

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in Public Utility Commission, further
3 providing for consumer protection and information.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 308.1 of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:

8 § 308.1. Consumer protection and information.

9 * * *

10 (c) Database of rate increases.--

11 (1) The commission shall, not later than 120 days after
12 the effective date of this paragraph, create and maintain a
13 centralized public database of all rates the commission
14 oversees. All information available must be searchable, at
15 minimum, by company, entity, type of utility, year or docket
16 number. The commission shall make the database available on
17 the commission's publicly accessible Internet website and,

1 when the commission receives a rate increase request, the
2 database shall be updated with the information not later than
3 10 days after the commission's receipt of the request. The
4 database must contain all information available for each rate
5 the commission oversees, including rate increase requests,
6 for the previous 20 years, at a minimum.

7 (2) The commission may contract with a third party to
8 operate the database required by this subsection.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB2584 PN3494	Prepared By:	Sean Gatten (717) 783-0250
Committee:	Consumer Protection & Utilities	Executive Director:	Timothy Scott
Sponsor:	Fiedler, Elizabeth		
Date:	6/4/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Requires the PUC to create a user-friendly, searchable online database containing information on all utility rates under the commission's jurisdiction, including every request for a rate increase.

C. Analysis of the Bill

The bill amends Title 66 (Public Utilities), Section 308.1 (Consumer Protection and Information) to establish a user-friendly, centralized public database maintained by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) to provide clear, accessible information on utility rates and proposed rate increases.

Key Provisions of the Act include:

- **Centralized Public Database:** Directs the PUC to create and maintain a searchable online database for all utility rates under its jurisdiction.
- **Rate Increase Tracking:** Requires all proposed utility rate hike requests and historical rate changes to be indexed in the database for easy tracking, and
- **Public Accessibility:** Directs the PUC to ensure the database is user-friendly and readily accessible, removing the need for consumers to navigate complex regulatory filings.

Effective Date:

This act shall take effect immediately.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Under Pennsylvania law, public utilities seeking to adjust customer rates must adhere to specific statutory notice protocols before implementing changes.

Base Rate Proceedings & Required Notice Channels

Pursuant to Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) regulations, utilities filing a request for a base rate increase must issue notice to affected customers across four mandated channels:

Direct Mail: Individual written or printed notices sent directly to customers.

Bill Inserts: Physical enclosure notifications included within regular billing statements.

Media Release: Press releases distributed to local media outlets within the service territory.

Public Posting: Prominently displayed notices at local utility business offices.

Substantive Notice Requirements

Notices issued for base rate proceedings must contain specific operational details:

The core scope and justification of the requested base rate modification.

Projected financial impact, detailing estimated per-billing-cycle increases for individual customer classes.

Procedural instructions outlining mechanisms for consumer participation, including procedures for submitting public comments to the PUC, attending public input hearings, or filing a formal complaint/petition to intervene as a formal party in the adjudicatory proceeding.
Alternative & Expedited Rate Mechanisms

Rate adjustments falling outside formal base rate proceedings (e.g., surcharge mechanisms or expedited cost-recovery riders) are subject to modified notice standards. Utilities must issue notice via local news releases and billing inserts prior to the effective date of the rate change.

Statutory Online Disclosure Standards

While public dockets for active and settled proceedings are accessible via the PUC website, current statutory standards do not mandate the PUC to maintain a searchable, fine-grained, or interactive database matching the specific structural standards proposed under House Bill 2584.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

None. However, this bill is a companion to SB 1254, introduced by Sen. Brooks on March 20, 2026.

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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2584

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 3494

- 1 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 8 and 9
- 2 (3) This subsection shall not apply to the rates of any
- 3 telecommunications carrier as defined in section 3012
- 4 (relating to definitions).

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2584

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 3494

- 1 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 8 and 9
- 2 (3) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to
- 3 the rates of any local exchange telecommunications company as
- 4 defined in section 3012 (relating to definitions).

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2590 Session of 2026

INTRODUCED BY WEBSTER, HILL-EVANS, WAXMAN, MCNEILL, SANCHEZ,
D. WILLIAMS AND INGLIS, JUNE 2, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND
UTILITIES, JUNE 2, 2026

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 6, 1951 (P.L.69, No.20), entitled "An
2 act relating to the rights, obligations and liabilities of
3 landlord and tenant and of parties dealing with them and
4 amending, revising, changing and consolidating the law
5 relating thereto," in creation of leases, statute of frauds
6 and mortgaging of leaseholds, providing for Internet bulk
7 pricing.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The act of April 6, 1951 (P.L.69, No.20), known
11 as The Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951, is amended by adding a
12 section to read:

13 Section 207. Internet Bulk Pricing.--(a) A landlord may
14 obtain a shared Internet subscription for tenants from a third-
15 party Internet service provider to provide service for wired
16 Internet, cellular or satellite service and may charge tenants
17 by using a ratio utility billing system.

18 (b) If a landlord obtains a shared Internet subscription for
19 Internet services under subsection (a), the landlord may recover
20 only the charges imposed on the landlord by the Internet

1 provider.

2 (c) If provided in the rental agreement, the landlord may
3 impose a ratio utility billing system for a shared Internet
4 subscription during the term of a rental agreement if the
5 landlord provides notice under subsection (d).

6 (d) If a landlord uses a ratio utility billing system method
7 under subsection (a), the rental agreement shall contain a
8 specific description of the ratio utility billing method used to
9 allocate Internet costs. For any existing tenants, the landlord
10 shall provide at least 90 days notice to the tenant before the
11 landlord begins allocating costs through a ratio utility billing
12 system.

13 (e) A landlord shall allow all tenants to opt out of paying
14 for any shared subscription from a third-party Internet service
15 provider to provide service for wired Internet, cellular or
16 satellite service that is offered in connection with the
17 tenancy.

18 (f) The rental agreement shall contain a disclosure that
19 lists the Internet service and the associated charge, which a
20 landlord may not exceed. If a landlord is not in compliance with
21 subsection (b), a tenant may first object in writing to the
22 landlord regarding the Internet billing. If the dispute is not
23 resolved within 30 days of the landlord's receipt of the written
24 objection, the tenant may bring a civil action to enforce this
25 section. A landlord may not retaliate against a tenant for
26 opting out under this section. If the landlord or their agent
27 violates subsection (d), the tenant may deduct the cost of the
28 subscription to the third-party Internet service provider from
29 the rent for 90 days following the imposition of the ratio
30 utility billing system for a shared Internet subscription.

1 (g) As used in this section, the term "ratio utility billing
2 system" means a system used to split a building or shared
3 utility bills of a complex among tenants when individual meters
4 do not exist for each unit in the building or complex.

5 Section 2. The addition of section 207 of the act shall
6 apply to leases entered into on or after the effective date of
7 this section.

8 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB2590 PN3499	Prepared By:	Sean Gatten (717) 783-0250
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Sponsor:	Webster, Joe		
Date:	7/17/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Requires landlords who utilize bulk billing agreements to implement ratio utility billing systems with clearly defined per-unit cost allocations, prevent fee/price gouging, and also provide tenants with the option to opt out of such arrangements.

C. Analysis of the Bill

HB 2590 amends the Landlord Tenant Act of 1951 to regulate internet bulk pricing and ratio utility billing systems as follows:

- **Authorization of Shared Subscriptions:** Permits landlords to obtain a shared third-party Internet subscription (wired, cellular, or satellite) for tenants and bill them using a ratio utility billing system.
- **Cost Recovery Limit:** Landlords are strictly prohibited from marking up prices; they may only recover the exact charges imposed by the Internet provider.
- **Tenant Opt-Out Rights:** Landlords must allow all tenants to opt out of paying for any shared third-party Internet subscription offered in connection with the tenancy.

Notice & Billing System Requirements:

- The lease agreement must contain a detailed description of the ratio utility billing method used and disclose the specific Internet service and maximum charge.
- Existing tenants must receive at least 90 days' written notice before a ratio utility billing system for Internet services can be implemented.

Dispute Resolution & Penalties:

- **Retaliation Protection:** Landlords are explicitly prohibited from retaliating against a tenant for opting out.
- **Failure to Give Notice:** If a landlord violates the 90-day notice requirement, the tenant may deduct the cost of the Internet subscription from their rent for 90 days following the imposition of the billing system.
- **Overcharging Disputes:** If a landlord charges above the actual cost, the tenant must submit a written objection. If unresolved within 30 days, the tenant may file a civil action to enforce compliance.

Definitions & Applicability

Ratio Utility Billing System Defined: A method used to allocate a building's or complex's shared utility bills among tenants when individual unit meters do not exist.

Applicability: Applies to leases entered into on or after the bill's effective date.

Effective Date:

This Act shall take effect in 60 days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Act 20 of 1951 (68 P.S. § 250.101 et seq.) serves as Pennsylvania's primary statutory framework governing real property leasehold relationships. The Act establishes the fundamental rights, liabilities, and procedural remedies for both residential and commercial tenancies, codifying standards across key operational areas, including:

Contractual lease execution, terms, and basic standards.
Rent collection mechanisms and statutory procedures for rent recovery.
Dispute resolution protocols and possession recovery.
Mandatory procedural requirements governing eviction proceedings.

Act 20 contains no express statutory provisions, definitions, or regulatory frameworks regarding utility billing allocation methods, third-party submetering, or bulk utility billing arrangements within multi-unit residential or commercial properties.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

None.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2596 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY HOWARD, KHAN, GUZMAN, WAXMAN, HILL-EVANS, BURGOS,
FREEMAN, SANCHEZ, INGLIS AND CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, JUNE 3, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND
UTILITIES, JUNE 4, 2026

AN ACT

1 Providing for public utility credit reporting; and imposing
2 duties on public utilities.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Public
7 Utility Credit Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Public utility." Any of the following:

13 (1) A person or corporation owning or operating in this
14 Commonwealth equipment or facilities for:

15 (i) Producing, generating, transmitting,
16 distributing or furnishing natural or artificial gas,
17 electricity or steam for the production of light, heat or

1 power to or for the public for compensation.

2 (ii) Diverting, developing, pumping, impounding,
3 distributing or furnishing water to or for the public for
4 compensation.

5 (iii) Transporting passengers or property as a
6 common carrier.

7 (iv) Use as a canal, turnpike, tunnel, bridge, wharf
8 and other transportation facilities for the public for
9 compensation.

10 (v) Transporting or conveying natural or artificial
11 gas, crude oil, gasoline or petroleum products, materials
12 for refrigeration, oxygen or nitrogen or other fluid
13 substance, by pipeline or conduit, for the public for
14 compensation.

15 (vi) Conveying or transmitting messages or
16 communications by telephone or telegraph or domestic
17 public land mobile radio service, including, but not
18 limited to, point-to-point microwave radio service for
19 the public for compensation.

20 (vii) Wastewater collection, treatment or disposal
21 for the public for compensation.

22 (viii) Providing limousine service in a county of
23 the second class under 66 Pa.C.S. Ch. 11 Subch. B
24 (relating to limousine service in counties of the second
25 class).

26 (2) The term does not include:

27 (i) An individual or corporation, not otherwise a
28 public utility, that furnishes service only to the
29 individual or itself.

30 (ii) A bona fide cooperative association that

1 furnishes service only to its stockholders or members on
2 a nonprofit basis.

3 (iii) A producer of natural gas not engaged in
4 distributing the gas directly to the public for
5 compensation.

6 (iv) A building or facility owner/operator who holds
7 ownership over and manages the internal distribution
8 system serving the building or facility and who supplies
9 electric power and other related electric power services
10 to occupants of the building or facility.

11 (v) An electric generation supplier company, except
12 for the limited purposes described in 66 Pa.C.S. §§ 2809
13 (relating to requirements for electric generation
14 suppliers) and 2810 (relating to revenue-neutral
15 reconciliation).

16 (vi) Service as follows:

17 (A) A water or sewer service provided to
18 independently owned user premises by an individual or
19 corporation that owns and operates as a primary
20 business a resort where:

21 (I) the service provided is from a point
22 within the boundaries of the resort's property
23 and is provided to no more than 100 independently
24 owned user premises for each type of service;

25 (II) the service is verified by the resort,
26 in a form and manner prescribed by the
27 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, to be
28 incidental to the supplier's primary resort
29 business, as evidenced by the gross annual
30 revenues derived from each type of service

1 provided to independently owned user premises
2 being less than 1% of the annual gross revenues
3 of the primary resort business;

4 (III) rates to independently owned user
5 premises do not exceed the average of the rates
6 for comparable service provided by two municipal
7 corporations or municipal authorities or any
8 combination of the two that are reasonably
9 proximate to the resort or within the same county
10 if rural;

11 (IV) service will not be terminated to any
12 independently owned user premises in the resort,
13 unless termination is requested by the user, if
14 necessary due to nonpayment or to prevent misuse
15 of the system by a user that impairs or
16 jeopardizes service to other users and the resort
17 or if termination is directed by law, regulation
18 or by a Federal or State agency or governmental
19 body;

20 (V) the water and sewer service provided to
21 the independently owned user premises is the same
22 service that the resort owner provides to
23 themselves or their affiliates;

24 (VI) the resort adopts a resolution
25 providing that it will not serve any additional
26 independently owned user premises except if
27 lawfully directed by any Federal or State agency
28 or governmental body to protect public health and
29 safety due to an emergency such as contamination
30 or failure of existing supply and does not revoke

1 or amend the resolution without first notifying
2 the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Public Utility
3 Commission in writing 30 days in advance of the
4 proposed revocation or amendment; and

5 (VII) disputes between an independently
6 owned user premises and the resort are resolved
7 by the applicable court system.

8 (B) For purposes of this subparagraph:

9 (I) The term "resort" means a place or
10 business visited primarily for leisure or
11 vacation that offers or provides lodging,
12 entertainment, hospitality, dining, recreational
13 facilities or activities for guests, business
14 conferees, members or residents.

15 (II) The term "independently owned user
16 premises" means a structure not owned by the
17 resort or its affiliates, including a structure
18 intended to be used as a seasonal residence,
19 served from a point within the boundaries of a
20 resort and to which a resort owner or their
21 affiliates provide water or sewer service.

22 (3) For the purposes of 66 Pa.C.S. §§ 2702 (relating to
23 construction, relocation, suspension and abolition of
24 crossings), 2703 (relating to ejectment in crossing cases)
25 and 2704 (relating to compensation for damages occasioned by
26 construction, relocation or abolition of crossings), and
27 those portions of 66 Pa.C.S. §§ 1501 (relating to character
28 of service and facilities), 1505 (relating to proper service
29 and facilities established on complaint; authority to order
30 conservation and load management programs) and 1508 (relating

1 to reports of accidents), as those sections or portions
2 relate to safety only, the term includes a municipal
3 authority or transportation authority organized under the
4 laws of this Commonwealth when it owns or operates, for the
5 carriage of passengers or goods by rail, a line of railroad
6 composed of lines formerly owned or operated by the
7 Pennsylvania Railroad, the Penn-Central Transportation
8 Company, the Reading Company or the Consolidated Rail
9 Corporation.

10 Section 3. Public utility payments reported to credit reporting
11 agencies.

12 (a) Option.--A public utility shall provide customers the
13 opportunity to opt into and, at any time, to opt out of having
14 the public utility payments of the customers reported to a
15 nationwide credit reporting agency.

16 (b) New customers.--A person who becomes a customer of a
17 public utility after the effective date of this subsection shall
18 be notified by the public utility of the opportunity to opt into
19 and, at any time, to opt out of having the customer's payments
20 reported to credit reporting agencies when establishing the
21 customer's public utility account with the public utility.

22 (c) Existing customers.--A person who is a customer of a
23 public utility on the effective date of this subsection shall be
24 notified in writing by the public utility of the opportunity to
25 opt into and, at any time, to opt out of having the customer's
26 payments reported to credit reporting agencies within 45 days of
27 the effective date of this subsection.

28 (d) Time limit to opt in.--

29 (1) New and existing public utility customers may
30 register to opt into and opt out of public utility payment

1 credit reporting at any time after notification of the
2 availability of the option.

3 (2) A public utility may not set a time limit or
4 expiration date on the credit reporting option nor may the
5 option be rescinded at any time in the future.

6 (e) Costs and fees.--A public utility may not pass on costs
7 or charge a fee to a consumer who chooses to opt into or opt out
8 of the credit reporting under this section.

9 Section 4. Effective date.

10 This act shall take effect in 60 days.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB2596 PN3522	Prepared By:	Sean Gatten (717) 783-0250
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Sponsor:	Howard, Kristine		
Date:	7/17/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Requires public utilities to provide customers the opportunity to opt into and opt out of having the public utility payments of the customers reported to a nationwide credit reporting agency.

C. Analysis of the Bill

HB 2596 establishes the "Public Utility Credit Act," creating a framework to empower public utility customers to build credit history through routine utility payments. The bill requires public utilities to offer all customers the option to have their payment records reported to nationwide consumer credit reporting agencies.

Core Consumer Provisions

Opt-In/Opt-Out Flexibility: The option to participate must be extended to both new and existing customers, who maintain the right to opt in or opt out at any time without limitation or penalty.

Notification Mandate: Public utilities must provide formal notification of this option to all existing customers within 45 days of the Act's effective date.

Expanded Definition of Public Utility: The bill adopts the definition of "public utility" under 66 Pa.C.S. (Public Utilities), but explicitly removes the statutory exemption for mobile phone carriers, extending these credit-building protections to wireless service subscribers.

Ratepayer Protection & Cost Shield

Utilities are strictly prohibited from passing along any administrative, operational, or compliance expenses associated with credit reporting to their ratepayers.

Effective Date:

60 Days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Under 66 Pa. C.S. §102 (Definitions) the term "public utilities" explicitly exempts mobile phone companies, which are not considered public utilities regulated by the Pa Public Utility Commission (PUC).

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

None.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2674 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY PIELLI, FRIEL, MULLINS, OTTEN, DONAHUE, HANBIDGE,
MCNEILL, MADDEN, WAXMAN, SAPPEY, WEBSTER AND BOROWSKI,
JUNE 26, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND
UTILITIES, JUNE 26, 2026

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions relating to
3 Public Utility Code, further providing for definitions.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. The definition of "public utility" in section 102
7 of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended
8 and the section is amended by adding a definition to read:

9 § 102. Definitions.

10 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
11 provisions of this part which are applicable to specific
12 provisions of this part, the following words and phrases when
13 used in this part shall have, unless the context clearly
14 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

15 * * *

16 "Commercial data center." A facility, campus of facilities
17 or array of interconnected facilities in this Commonwealth that

1 meets all of the following:

2 (1) Is used by a business entity or other enterprise to
3 operate, manage or maintain a computer, group of computers or
4 other organized assembly of hardware and software for the
5 primary purpose of processing, storing, retrieving or
6 transmitting data.

7 (2) Has a peak demand of 25 megawatts or greater.

8 (3) Is interconnected to a public utility at a single
9 point of interconnection or multiple points of
10 interconnection or is interconnected to multiple public
11 utilities within this Commonwealth through multiple points of
12 interconnection.

13 * * *

14 "Public utility."

15 (1) Any person or corporations now or hereafter owning
16 or operating in this Commonwealth equipment or facilities
17 for:

18 (i) [Producing] The primary purpose of producing,
19 generating, transmitting, distributing or furnishing
20 natural or artificial gas, electricity, or steam for the
21 production of light, heat, or power to or for the public
22 for compensation.

23 (ii) Diverting, developing, pumping, impounding,
24 distributing, or furnishing water to or for the public
25 for compensation.

26 (iii) Transporting passengers or property as a
27 common carrier.

28 (iv) Use as a canal, turnpike, tunnel, bridge,
29 wharf, and the like for the public for compensation.

30 (v) Transporting or conveying natural or artificial

1 gas, crude oil, gasoline, or petroleum products,
2 materials for refrigeration, or oxygen or nitrogen, or
3 other fluid substance, by pipeline or conduit, for the
4 public for compensation.

5 (vi) Conveying or transmitting messages or
6 communications, except as set forth in paragraph (2)(iv),
7 by telephone or telegraph or domestic public land mobile
8 radio service including, but not limited to, point-to-
9 point microwave radio service for the public for
10 compensation.

11 (vii) Wastewater collection, treatment, or disposal
12 for the public for compensation.

13 (viii) Providing limousine service in a county of
14 the second class pursuant to Subchapter B of Chapter 11
15 (relating to limousine service in counties of the second
16 class).

17 (2) The term does not include:

18 (i) Any person or corporation, not otherwise a
19 public utility, who or which furnishes service only to
20 himself or itself.

21 (ii) Any bona fide cooperative association which
22 furnishes service only to its stockholders or members on
23 a nonprofit basis.

24 (iii) Any producer of natural gas not engaged in
25 distributing such gas directly to the public for
26 compensation.

27 (iv) Any person or corporation, not otherwise a
28 public utility, who or which furnishes mobile domestic
29 cellular radio telecommunications service.

30 (v) Any building or facility owner/operators who

1 hold ownership over and manage the internal distribution
2 system serving such building or facility and who supply
3 electric power and other related electric power services
4 to occupants of the building or facility.

5 (vi) Electric generation supplier companies, except
6 for the limited purposes as described in sections 2809
7 (relating to requirements for electric generation
8 suppliers) and 2810 (relating to revenue-neutral
9 reconciliation).

10 (vi.1) A commercial data center whose sale of
11 electricity to the grid is secondary and not the primary
12 business of operating, managing or maintaining a
13 computer, group of computers or other organized assembly
14 of hardware and software for the primary purpose of
15 processing, storing, retrieving or transmitting data.

16 (vii) Service as follows:

17 (A) Any water or sewer service provided to
18 independently owned user premises by a person or
19 corporation that owns and operates as a primary
20 business a resort where:

21 (I) the service provided is from a point
22 within the boundaries of the resort's property
23 and is provided to no more than 100 independently
24 owned user premises for each type of service;

25 (II) the service is verified by the resort,
26 in a form and manner prescribed by the
27 commission, to be incidental to the supplier's
28 primary resort business as evidenced by the gross
29 annual revenues derived from each type of service
30 provided to independently owned user premises

1 being less than 1% of the annual gross revenues
2 of the primary resort business;

3 (III) rates to independently owned user
4 premises do not exceed the average of the rates
5 for comparable service provided by two municipal
6 corporations or municipal authorities or any
7 combination of the two that are reasonably
8 proximate to the resort or within the same county
9 if rural;

10 (IV) service will not be terminated to any
11 independently owned user premises in the resort,
12 unless termination is requested by the user, is
13 necessary due to nonpayment or to prevent misuse
14 of the system by a user which impairs or
15 jeopardizes service to other users and the
16 resort, or if termination is directed by law,
17 regulation or by a Federal or State agency or
18 governmental body;

19 (V) the water and sewer service provided to
20 the independently owned user premises is the same
21 service that the resort owner provides to itself
22 or its affiliates;

23 (VI) the resort adopts a resolution
24 providing that it will not serve any additional
25 independently owned user premises except if
26 lawfully directed by any Federal or State agency
27 or governmental body to protect public health and
28 safety due to an emergency such as contamination
29 or failure of existing supply, and does not
30 revoke or amend such resolution without first

1 notifying the secretary of the commission in
2 writing 30 days in advance of such proposed
3 revocation or amendment; and

4 (VII) disputes between an independently
5 owned user premises and the resort are resolved
6 by the applicable court system.

7 (B) For purposes of this subparagraph:

8 (I) The term "resort" means a place or
9 business visited primarily for leisure or
10 vacation that offers or provides lodging,
11 entertainment, hospitality, dining, recreational
12 facilities or activities for guests, business
13 conferees, members or residents.

14 (II) The term "independently owned user
15 premises" means a structure not owned by the
16 resort or its affiliates, including a structure
17 intended to be used as a seasonal residence,
18 served from a point within the boundaries of a
19 resort and to which a resort owner or its
20 affiliates provides water or sewer service.

21 (3) For the purposes of sections 2702 (relating to
22 construction, relocation, suspension and abolition of
23 crossings), 2703 (relating to ejectment in crossing cases)
24 and 2704 (relating to compensation for damages occasioned by
25 construction, relocation or abolition of crossings) and those
26 portions of sections 1501 (relating to character of service
27 and facilities), 1505 (relating to proper service and
28 facilities established on complaint; authority to order
29 conservation and load management programs) and 1508 (relating
30 to reports of accidents), as those sections or portions

1 thereof relate to safety only, a municipal authority or
2 transportation authority organized under the laws of this
3 Commonwealth shall be considered a public utility when it
4 owns or operates, for the carriage of passengers or goods by
5 rail, a line of railroad composed of lines formerly owned or
6 operated by the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Penn-Central
7 Transportation Company, the Reading Company or the
8 Consolidated Rail Corporation.

9 * * *

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB2674 PN3715	Prepared By:	Sean Gatten (717) 783-0250
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Sponsor:	Pielli, Christopher		
Date:	7/17/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Prohibits data centers from obtaining public utilities status.

C. Analysis of the Bill

HB 2674 amends Title 66 (Public Utilities), Section 102 (Definitions) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to explicitly restrict commercial data centers from acquiring public utility status.

Exclusion of Commercial Data Centers: Amends Section 102 (Definitions) to clarify that a commercial data center—where electricity sales back to the grid are secondary to its main operation of data processing, storage, and retrieval—does not qualify as a "public utility".

Threshold Criteria: Applies to data centers with a peak electrical demand of 25 megawatts or greater that interconnect to the grid at single or multiple points of interconnection.

Regulatory Impact: By excluding these large-scale facilities from public utility status, the bill prevents commercial data centers from accessing statutory utility privileges, regulatory protections, or rate-recovery mechanisms intended for traditional energy generators and public utilities.

Effective Date:

60 days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Under Section 102 of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (the Public Utility Code), a "public utility" is defined broadly as any person or corporation owning or operating equipment or facilities in Pennsylvania to provide essential services to the public for compensation.

Regulated Services Covered The statute explicitly includes entities providing:

Energy & Heat: Producing, transmitting, distributing, or furnishing natural or artificial gas, electricity, or steam for light, heat, or power.

Water & Wastewater: Pumping, impounding, distributing, or furnishing water, as well as sewage collection, treatment, or disposal.

Transportation: Transporting passengers or property as a common carrier, or operating canals, turnpikes, tunnels, bridges, or wharves.

Pipelines: Transporting petroleum products, natural gas, fluids, refrigeration materials, oxygen, or nitrogen via pipeline or conduit.

Telecommunications: Transmitting messages by landline telephone, telegraph, or public mobile radio service.

Key Statutory Exemptions:

Section 102 explicitly excludes certain entities from public utility status, including:

Individuals or entities serving only themselves.

Non-profit cooperative associations serving only their members.

Independent natural gas producers not directly distributing gas to the public for compensation.

Mobile/cellular wireless telecommunications service providers.

Building owners/operators managing internal distribution systems to supply electric power solely to occupants within their own facility.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

None.

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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2674

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 3715

1 Amend Bill, page 4, lines 10 through 15, by striking out all
2 of said lines and inserting
3 (vi.1) A commercial data center.