

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the Retail Electric Competition and Consumer Protection Act of 1999 to prohibit the electric company from disconnecting residential electric service when the heat index is forecasted to be 95 degrees Fahrenheit or above.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Heat Wave Safety Emergency Amendment Act of 2014”.

Sec. 2. The Retail Electric Competition and Consumer Protection Act of 1999, effective May 9, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-107; D.C. Official Code § 34-1501 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 106a to read as follows:

“Sec. 106a. Disconnection of service in extreme temperature prohibited.

“(a) For the purposes of this section, the term “forecast of extreme temperature” means a National Weather Service forecast that the heat index for the District of Columbia will be 95 degrees Fahrenheit or above at any time during a day.

“(b) The electric company shall not disconnect residential electric service during the day preceding, and the day of, a forecast of extreme temperature. If the forecast of extreme temperature precedes a holiday or weekend day, the electric company shall not disconnect residential electric service on any day during the holiday or weekend.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

1           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact  
2 statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved  
3 December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02 (c))(3)).

4           Sec. 4. Effective date.

5           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
6 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than  
7 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section  
8 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;  
9 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).