

SENATE BILL No. 216

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 8-1-2-4.5.

Synopsis: Gas utility connection charges and deposits. Provides that the amount charged by a gas utility to connect or reconnect service may not exceed actual connection or reconnection costs. Permits a gas utility to require a deposit before connecting or reconnecting service. Provides that the amount of the deposit may not exceed a customer's estimated average monthly bill.

Effective: July 1, 2006.

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January 9, 2006, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Utilities, and Public Policy.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2005 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities and transportation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 8-1-2-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2006]: **Sec. 4.5. (a) As used in this section, "utility" refers to a**
4 **privately, municipally, publicly, or cooperatively owned gas utility.**
5 **The term includes a utility governed and managed by the**
6 **department of public utilities for a consolidated city under**
7 **IC 8-1-11.1.**

8 (b) **A utility may impose a reasonable and just connection or**
9 **reconnection charge. The charge may not exceed the costs actually**
10 **incurred by the utility in connecting or reconnecting service,**
11 **whichever applies. A rule or regulation contrary to this subsection**
12 **is void.**

13 (c) **A utility may require a reasonable and just deposit from a**
14 **customer before the utility connects or reconnects the customer's**
15 **service. The deposit may not exceed the customer's estimated**
16 **average monthly bill. A deposit under this subsection is in addition**
17 **to a charge imposed under subsection (b). A rule or regulation**



1 **contrary to this subsection is void.**
2 **(d) The commission may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**
3 **implement this section.**

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