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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the disconnection of a customer by an electric
2 or gas utility.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 476.20, subsection 3, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 1995, is amended to read as follows:

3 The board shall establish rules which shall be uniform with
4 respect to all public utilities furnishing gas or electricity
5 relating to disconnection of service. In addition to any
6 other rules or requirements, the board shall provide for a
7 minimum of three business days' notice to a customer prior to
8 disconnecting electric or gas service as a result of tampering
9 with the equipment furnished and owned by the utility. This
10 subsection applies both to regulated utilities and to
11 municipally owned utilities and unincorporated villages which
12 own their own distribution systems, and violations of this
13 subsection subject the utilities to civil penalties under
14 section 476.51.

15 Sec. 2. EMERGENCY RULES. The utilities board shall adopt
16 administrative rules under section 17A.4, subsection 2, and
17 section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement the
18 provisions of this Act and the rules shall become effective
19 immediately upon filing, unless a later effective date is
20 specified in the rules. Any rules adopted in accordance with
21 the provisions of this section shall also be published as
22 notice of intended action as provided in section 17A.4.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill provides that an electric or gas utility must
25 provide no less than three business days' notice to a customer
26 prior to disconnecting electric or gas service as a result of
27 tampering with the equipment furnished and owned by the
28 utility.

29 The bill directs the board to adopt emergency
30 administrative rules under section 17A.4, subsection 2, and
31 section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement the
32 provisions of the bill and the rules are to become effective
33 immediately upon filing, unless a later effective date is
34 specified in the rules.

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