

**House Study Bill 515 - Introduced**

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED UTILITIES  
COMMISSION BILL)

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to utility disconnections of gas and electricity
- 2 services during severe weather.
- 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, Code 2026, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. The rules adopted by the commission shall  
4 provide that a public utility furnishing gas or electricity shall  
5 not disconnect service to a residence in the event of severe cold  
6 weather or severe hot weather, as defined by such rules.

7 EXPLANATION

8 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
9 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 This bill relates to utility disconnections of gas and  
11 electricity services during severe weather.

12 The bill adds a requirement for the Iowa utilities commission  
13 (commission) to adopt rules that prohibit the disconnection of  
14 gas or electric service to a residence during periods of severe  
15 cold weather or severe hot weather, as defined by such rules.  
16 The commission currently has rules to prohibit the disconnection  
17 of gas or electric service under certain conditions relating to  
18 severe cold weather.