

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to require the State Corporation Commission to limit electric utility service shutoffs for*
3 *individuals with a serious medical condition.*

4 [S 1165]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. § 1.** *That the State Corporation Commission, in order to promote public health and safety, shall*
8 *conduct a proceeding for the purpose of establishing limitations on the authority of an investor-owned*
9 *electric utility or electric cooperative to terminate electric service to the residence of any customer who*
10 *provides the certification of a licensed physician that the customer has a serious medical condition or*
11 *the customer resides with a family member with a serious medical condition. The limitations shall be*
12 *consistent with the public interest. In the proceeding establishing such limitations, the State Corporation*
13 *Commission shall consult with the Commissioner of Health, the Commissioner of Social Services, the*
14 *Virginia Poverty Law Center, the Virginia League of Social Services Executives, electric utilities, and*
15 *any other persons that the State Corporation Commission deems appropriate. As a part of the*
16 *proceeding, the State Corporation Commission shall adopt regulations to implement such limitations.*
17 *The regulations shall (i) be adopted in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and*
18 *Procedure, (ii) be effective not later than October 31, 2011, (iii) establish a cost recovery mechanism*
19 *under which electric utilities shall be authorized to recover, from approved rates collected from other*
20 *customers or other sources of revenue, any losses on customer accounts the balance of which is written*
21 *off or otherwise determined to be uncollectible as the result of the implementation of the regulations,*
22 *and (iv) define "serious medical condition."*

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