

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

20 DCSTAT 2374

**D.C. Law 20-21, effective October 3, 2013 (Expiration date May 16, 2014)
(Related Emergency Legislation is Act 20-83, 20 DCSTAT 1438)**

AN ACT

**Bill 20-292
Act 20-109
effective
July 15, 2013**

To amend, on a temporary 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.

**Codification
District of
Columbia
Official Code
2001 Edition**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Heat Wave Safety Temporary Amendment Act of 2013”.

**Heat Wave
Safety
Temporary
Amendment
Act of 2013**

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:

**Note,
§ 34-1506**

“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.

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

Sec. 4. Effective date.

(a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.