

Introduced by Senator Morrow

February 23, 2001

An act to amend Section 2772 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities, *and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1055, as amended, Morrow. Public Utilities Commission: customer priorities: health facilities.

~~Existing~~

(1) ~~Existing~~ law requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish priorities among the types or categories of customers of every electrical corporation and every gas corporation. Existing law requires the commission to include specified considerations when establishing these priorities.

This bill would require the commission to include as a consideration when establishing these priorities a determination that certain health facilities shall have access to uninterrupted supplies of electricity.

(2) *This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.*

Vote: ~~majority~~ ^{2/3}. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2772 of the Public Utilities Code is
2 amended to read:

1 2772. In establishing the priorities pursuant to Section 2771,
2 the commission shall include, but not be limited to, a consideration
3 of all the following:

4 (a) A determination of the customers and uses of electricity and
5 gas, in descending order of priority, that provide the most
6 important public benefits and serve the greatest public need.

7 (b) A determination of the customers and uses of electricity and
8 gas that are not included under subdivision (a).

9 (c) A determination of the economic, social, and other effects
10 of a temporary discontinuance in electrical or gas service to the
11 customers or for the uses determined in accordance with
12 subdivision (a) or (b).

13 (d) Any curtailment or allocation rules, orders, or regulations
14 issued by any agency of the federal government.

15 (e) A determination that any nursing facility; *or* skilled nursing
16 facility; ~~and intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled~~
17 ~~nursing~~, as defined pursuant to Section 1250 of the Health and
18 Safety Code shall have access to uninterruptible supplies of
19 electricity.

20 *SECTION 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the*
21 *immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety*
22 *within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go*
23 *into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*

24 *In order to immediately protect the elderly and disabled*
25 *residents who reside in the states 1,200 skilled nursing facilities*
26 *and who depend on the facility's ability to provide quality care in*
27 *a safe, low stress environment, and to maintain temperature*
28 *control, lighting, infection control and the use of technologically*
29 *advanced medical equipment, it is necessary that this act take*
30 *effect immediately.*

