

A bill for an act
relating to utilities; requiring reporting of utility disconnections so local
governments may get notice; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 13.681,
by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
chapter 216B.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 13.681, is amended by adding a
subdivision to read:

Subd. 6. **Disconnection.** Certain utility data on disconnections provided to and
shared by the commissioner of commerce are governed by section 216B.0976.

Sec. 2. **[216B.0976] CENTRALIZED FILING OF UTILITY DISCONNECTION.**

Subdivision 1. **Notice to state.** Notwithstanding section 13.685 or any other law
to the contrary, a public utility, cooperative electric association, or municipality that
disconnects a customer's gas or electric service must provide notice of the disconnection
to the Department of Commerce as prescribed by this section. On October 15 of each
year, a report must be made of the address of properties currently disconnected and the
date of the disconnection. Reports must be made as soon as possible of the address of
each disconnection made between October 15 and April 15.

Subd. 2. **Central repository; information sharing.** The Department of Commerce
shall maintain the reports in an electronic database sorted by the city, or town or county
for unincorporated areas, in which a disconnected property is located.

Subd. 3. **Local government access.** The Department of Commerce must allow
electronic access to a city, town, or county to disconnection reports for properties located
within its jurisdiction.

2.1 Subd. 4. **Cooperative electric association exception.** In lieu of providing a report
2.2 to the department, a cooperative electric association may elect to comply with this section
2.3 by filing reports of disconnections with the county, city, or town where a disconnected
2.4 property is located.