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Senator Lisa M. Boscola's Bill Reauthorizing the Responsible Utility Customer Protection Act Passes Senate

HARRISBURG, PA – May 7, 2024 – Senator Lisa M. Boscola (D-Northampton) announced that her legislation, Senate Bill 1017, passed the PA Senate today with broad bipartisan support. The bill focuses on amending and reauthorizing Chapter 14, known as "The Responsible Utility Customer Protection Act," set to expire on December 31, 2024.

Chapter 14, initially established in 2004, serves to shield responsible customers of public utilities by providing fair avenues for reducing unpaid accounts. Senator Boscola expressed thanks for the Senate's support, highlighting the collaborative efforts that went into the bill following numerous public hearings and stakeholder meetings.

"Senate Bill 1017 is a dedicated effort to make measured and balanced updates to enhance this essential consumer protection tool," Boscola stated.

Beyond permanently reauthorizing the Chapter, Senate Bill 1017 introduces updates to strengthen customer protections. These include improvements to payment arrangements, termination notices, extended safeguards for medically vulnerable customers, enhancements to customer assistance programs, and expanded protections for domestic violence victims. The bill also modernizes notification standards for public utilities and prioritizes safety for utility workers during service terminations.

She emphasized that this marks an important step in renewing the chapter, urging swift action from the House and Governor before the scheduled expiration in December 2024.



Bangor H.S. Gets 17 Nominations for 2024 Freddy Awards

By BHS

BANGOR - The nominations were announced Thursday live on 69 News at Noon, Bangor H.S. gets 17 nominations.

The Freddy Awards recognize and reward exceptional accomplishments in the production and performance of musical theater in high schools in Lehigh and Northampton counties in Pennsylvania, and in Warren County, New Jersey.

Watch Live on 69 WFMZ on May 23rd at 7pm.



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A Memorial Day service East Bangor

A Memorial Day service will be held on Monday, May 27th, at 1:00 p.m. at the East Bangor Cemetery, Park Rd., East Bangor, PA. The speaker will be Larry Rissmiller, a U.S. Army Veteran. Hunter Zeman will recite the "Gettysburg Address". Amy Weaver will recite "In Flanders Fields".

A gun salute will be fired by the Martocci-Capobianco Post 750 American Legion, Roseto. Taps will be played by Hannah Confalone, who will also sing the National Anthem. Dustin Flyte will offer a musical selection. The East Bangor Fire Co. will be in attendance, as well as Boy Scout Troop 41.

In case of rain, the service will be held at the East Bangor United Methodist Community Church, 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. The church is sponsoring the service. For more info., call 610-588-4453 or visit www.ebumc.org.



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