



## Illinois Commerce Commission

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### **LIHEAP Funding Approved by Illinois General Assembly, Governor**

SPRINGFIELD – Governor Bruce Rauner has signed legislation approving the release of nearly \$2 billion in funds owed to local governing bodies that includes funding for the [Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program \(LIHEAP\)](#).

Following approval in the House and Senate, the measure will provide \$165 million in LIHEAP funding assistance this winter to thousands of Illinois residents to help them pay to heat their homes.

Designed to assist eligible low income households pay for winter energy services, LIHEAP provides a one-time benefit to eligible households to be used for energy bills. The amount of payment is determined by income, household size, fuel type, and geographic location.

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the state of Illinois, and administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). Program assistance is provided by local community action agencies or not-for-profit agencies throughout the state. You may contact the agency provider in your area by clicking [here](#).

The bill is SB2039. For complete details, go to [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov).

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trucking insurance and registration, railroad safety, relocation towing, safety towing and household goods moving company enforcement activities. The ICC's five commissioners are appointed by the Governor and approved by the Illinois State Senate for five-year terms.