## LEGISLATIVE BILL 599

Approved by the Governor February 9, 1974

Introduced by Carpenter, 48, Chmn., Executive Bcard

AN ACT to amend section 14-1039, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, relating to water districts; to provide authority for establishing priorities for the use of gas; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 14-1039, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

subjects for rules and regulations, the board of directors of a metropolitan water district ray adopt rules and regulations, in the interest of public health and safety and the conservation of gas, relating to the use, installation and maintenance of piping, equipment and appliances for gas and-electricity on the premises of consumers. Such district may promulgate and adopt rules and regulations to establish priorities for the use of gas, including the curtailment and denial of its use. All rules and regulations shall be published once in the official paper of the particular city within such district and be kept posted at the main office of the district for public inspection. When such rules and regulations are so adopted, published and posted, they shall have the same legal force and effect as a city ordinance and be binding upon the consumers of the district as one of the conditions to their service; Provided, nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prevent any qualified person or persons from installing or maintaining appliances in connection with any of the putlic utilities mentioned herein.

Sec. 2. That original section 14-1039, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act shall be in full force and take effect, from and after its passage and approval, according to law.