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HOUSE BILL DRH40141-LM-8

Short Title: Utilities/Water and Wastewater Consumption. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Arp, Riddell, Conrad, and Holley (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE UTILITIES COMMISSION MAY ADOPT, IMPLEMENT,  
3 MODIFY, OR ELIMINATE A RATE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM FOR WATER OR  
4 WASTEWATER PUBLIC UTILITIES TO TRACK AND TRUE-UP VARIATIONS IN  
5 AVERAGE PER CUSTOMER USAGE FROM LEVELS APPROVED IN THE GENERAL  
6 RATE CASE PROCEEDING.  
7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
8 **SECTION 1.** Article 7 of Chapter 62 of the General Statutes is amended by adding  
9 a new section to read as follows:  
10 "**§ 62-133.12A. Customer usage tracking rate adjustment mechanisms for water and**  
11 **wastewater rates.**  
12 In setting rates for a water and wastewater utility in a general rate proceeding under  
13 G.S. 62-133, the Commission may adopt, implement, modify, or eliminate a rate adjustment  
14 mechanism for one or more of the company's rate schedules to track and true-up variations in  
15 average per customer usage from levels approved in the general rate case proceeding. The  
16 Commission may adopt a rate adjustment mechanism only upon a finding by the Commission  
17 that the mechanism is appropriate to track and true-up variations in average per customer usage  
18 by rate schedule from levels adopted in the general rate case proceeding and the mechanism is in  
19 the public interest."  
20 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

