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SENATE BILL DRS35138-LM-8B*

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

Sponsors: Senator Newton (Primary Sponsor).

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.

