

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Finance.

HB21-1105 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 9, strike line 12 and substitute:
2 "(2.5) (a) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2.5)(b) OF THIS
3 SECTION, COMMENCING WITH A CUSTOMER'S BILLING STATEMENT".

4 Page 9, after line 16 insert:

5 "(b) (I) FOR EACH MONTH THAT AN INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITY
6 COLLECTS THE MONTHLY ENERGY ASSISTANCE SYSTEM BENEFIT CHARGE,
7 THE UTILITY SHALL INCLUDE ON ITS CUSTOMERS' BILLING STATEMENTS A
8 CONSPICUOUS NOTIFICATION IN BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH THAT
9 SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLIES WITH THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

10 **IF YOU'RE STRUGGLING TO PAY YOUR UTILITY BILLS, YOU**
11 **MIGHT QUALIFY FOR EXEMPTION FROM A MONTHLY**
12 **CHARGE RELATED TO ENERGY ASSISTANCE AND BE**
13 **ELIGIBLE FOR UTILITY BILL PAYMENT ASSISTANCE.**
14 **PLEASE CALL 1-800-HEAT-HELP OR E-MAIL**
15 **INFO@ENERGYOUTREACH.COM TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY.**

16 (II) THE ORGANIZATION SHALL NOTIFY EACH INVESTOR-OWNED
17 UTILITY OF ANY CUSTOMER OF THE INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITY WHO IS
18 EXEMPTED FROM PAYMENT OF THE CHARGE BY VIRTUE OF HAVING
19 RECEIVED DIRECT UTILITY BILL PAYMENT ASSISTANCE FROM THE
20 ORGANIZATION IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS.

21 (III) EACH INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITY SHALL REVIEW READILY
22 AVAILABLE INFORMATION IT HAS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT
23 OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE ORGANIZATION TO DETERMINE WHICH
24 CUSTOMERS HAVE RECEIVED ANY DIRECT UTILITY BILL PAYMENT
25 ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OR THE ORGANIZATION IN THE
26 PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS AND, AS A RESULT, ARE ELIGIBLE FOR
27 EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF THE CHARGE.

28 (IV) UPON RECEIVING NOTIFICATION FROM THE ORGANIZATION
29 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2.5)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION OR UPON ITS OWN
30 DETERMINATION THAT A CUSTOMER IS ELIGIBLE FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE
31 CHARGE, AN INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITY SHALL REMOVE THE CHARGE FROM
32 THE CUSTOMER'S MONTHLY BILLING STATEMENTS FOR THE SUCCEEDING
33 TWELVE MONTHS."

34 Page 11, line 9, after "2021," insert "AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION
35 40-8.7-104 (2.5)(b),".

36 Page 14, line 9, after the period insert "THE BUDGET MUST INCLUDE AN
37 ALLOCATION OF MONEY COLLECTED FROM THE CHARGE THAT WILL BE
38 USED FOR EDUCATION AND OUTREACH ABOUT THE PROGRAM."

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