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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1343

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The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. PETERS of the 20th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING SUBMETERING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivisions (10) and (11) of subsection (a) of section 16-1
2 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof:

4 (10) "Water company" includes every person owning, leasing,
5 maintaining, operating, managing or controlling any pond, lake,
6 reservoir, stream, well or distributing plant or system employed for
7 the purpose of supplying water to fifty or more consumers. A water
8 company does not include homeowners, condominium associations,
9 cooperative associations and planned urban developments providing
10 water only to their members, homeowners associations providing
11 water to customers at least eighty per cent of whom are members of
12 such associations, a landlord providing water through a submetered
13 system to the tenants of such landlord, a municipal waterworks system
14 established under chapter 102, a district, metropolitan district,

15 municipal district or special services district established under chapter
16 105, chapter 105a or any other general statute or any public or special
17 act which is authorized to supply water, or any other waterworks
18 system owned, leased, maintained, operated, managed or controlled
19 by any unit of local government under any general statute or any
20 public or special act;

21 (11) "Consumer" means any private dwelling, boardinghouse,
22 apartment, store, office building, institution, mechanical or
23 manufacturing establishment or other place of business or industry to
24 which water is supplied by a water company, or individual to whom a
25 water company sends a submetered bill.

26 Sec. 2. Section 16-19k of the general statutes is repealed and the
27 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

28 The Department of Public Utility Control may include the costs of a
29 water company's residential retrofit program, [and] of educational
30 materials or information on water conservation required pursuant to
31 section 25-32h and section 25-32k and of the installation of
32 submetering equipment in multiunit structures as operating costs for
33 rate-making purposes upon determination by the department that
34 such costs are reasonable. The provisions of this section shall apply to
35 any water company required to provide or that voluntarily makes
36 available the residential retrofit program or educational materials or
37 information on water conservation or voluntarily installs submetering
38 equipment in multiunit structures.

ET **JOINT FAVORABLE SUBST.**

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: Department of Public Utility Control

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State Impact:

The bill excludes certain entities from the Department of Public Utility Control's water utility jurisdiction, which has no fiscal impact on that state or municipalities. Additionally, the bill permits the department to include in the utility's rates the cost of installing sub-metering equipment, which has no fiscal impact on the agency.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING SUBMETERING.

SUMMARY:

This bill excludes from water utilities subject to the Department of Public Utility Control's (DPUC) jurisdiction (1) planned urban developments and cooperative associations that provide water only to their members and (2) landlords who provide water through a submetered system to their tenants. (Cooperative associations are similar to condominium associations. Submetering is the practice of measuring the amount of water used by individual tenants in a building served by a master meter.) DPUC has extensive powers over the utilities it regulates, including the power to set rates. It is not clear whether any of the entities covered by the bill currently provide water to their members or tenants.

Under the bill, the DPUC can include in the utility's rates the cost of installing sub-metering equipment in multiunit buildings, where done voluntarily or by order. The bill also makes a minor change in the definition of consumers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 13 Nay 0