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Substitute House Bill No. 6017

House of Representatives, April 4, 2011

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through REP. NARDELLO of the 89th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF SECURITY DEPOSITS
FOR ELECTRIC, GAS OR WATER SERVICE.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 16-262j of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2011*):

4 (a) No public service company and no electric supplier shall refuse
5 to provide electric, gas or water service to a residential customer based
6 on the financial inability of such customer to pay a security deposit for
7 such service. No public service company and no electric supplier shall
8 require a security deposit from any residential customer whose
9 electric, gas or water service was terminated due to nonpayment of a
10 delinquent account, as a condition of reinstating such service,
11 provided such termination was the first termination of service for
12 nonpayment on such account. The Department of Public Utility
13 Control shall adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 to carry

14 out the provisions of this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	16-262j(a)

ET *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which prohibits utility companies (except municipal utilities) from requiring a security deposit under certain conditions, has no associated fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF SECURITY DEPOSITS FOR ELECTRIC, GAS OR WATER SERVICE.

SUMMARY:

This bill prohibits utility companies, except municipal utilities, from requiring a security deposit to reinstate a residential customer's electric, gas, or water service if (1) the service was terminated for nonpayment of an overdue account and (2) it was the first time the account had ever been terminated for nonpayment. Current law prohibits utility companies from refusing electric, gas, or water service to a residential customer who is financially unable to pay a security deposit.

The bill also requires the Department of Public Utility Control to adopt implementing regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 3 (03/17/2011)