



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 449

LCO No. 2497

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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL WATER RATES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 7-239 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2012*):

4 (a) (1) The legislative body shall establish just and equitable rates or
5 charges for the use of the waterworks system authorized herein, to be
6 paid by the owner of each lot or building which is connected with and
7 uses such system, and may change such rates or charges from time to
8 time. Such rates or charges shall be sufficient in each year for the
9 payment of the expense of operation, repair, replacements and
10 maintenance of such system and for the payment of the sums herein
11 required to be paid into the sinking fund. No such rate or charge shall
12 be established until after a public hearing at which all the users of the
13 waterworks system and the owners of property served or to be served
14 and others interested shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning
15 such proposed rate or charge. Notice of such hearing shall be given, at
16 least ten days before the date set therefor, in a newspaper having a

17 circulation in such municipality. Such notice shall set forth a schedule
18 of rates or charges, and a copy of the schedule of rates or charges
19 established shall be kept on file in the office of the legislative body and
20 in the office of the clerk of the municipality, and shall be open to
21 inspection by the public. The rates or charges so established for any
22 class of users or property served shall be extended to cover any
23 additional premises thereafter served which are within the same class,
24 without the necessity of a hearing thereon. Any change in such rates or
25 charges may be made in the same manner in which they were
26 established, provided, if any change is made substantially pro rata as
27 to all classes of service, no hearing shall be required. The provisions of
28 this section shall not apply to the sale of bottled water.

29 (2) No such legislative body of a municipality with a population
30 greater than seventy thousand that operates a municipal waterworks
31 system pursuant to this chapter and a municipal electric utility
32 pursuant to chapter 101 shall establish any rate or charge for the use of
33 such waterworks system that constitutes an increase of greater than
34 ten per cent of the previous rate or charge for such use, without
35 approval for such increase from the Public Utilities Regulatory
36 Authority.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2012	7-239(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To prevent certain municipal waterworks system rate increases of greater than ten per cent without approval from the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]