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Referred to Committee on BANKING

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AN ACT PROTECTING THE CREDIT OF CERTAIN UTILITY CUSTOMERS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 16-262d of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2017*):

4 (g) No electric distribution, gas, telephone or water company,
5 certified telecommunications provider, gas registrant or municipal
6 utility furnishing electric, gas or water service shall submit to a credit
7 rating agency, as defined in section 36a-695, any information about a
8 residential customer's nonpayment for electric, gas, telephone,
9 telecommunications or water service. [unless the customer is more
10 than sixty days delinquent in paying for such service. In no event shall
11 such a company, certified telecommunications provider, gas registrant

12 or municipal utility submit to a credit rating agency any information
13 about a residential customer's nonpayment for such service if the
14 customer has initiated a complaint, investigation hearing or appeal
15 with regard to such service under subsection (c) of this section that is
16 pending before the authority. If such a company, certified
17 telecommunications provider, gas registrant or municipal utility
18 intends to submit to a credit rating agency information about a
19 customer's nonpayment for service, it shall, at least thirty days before
20 submitting such information, send the customer by first class mail
21 notification that includes the statement, "AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW,
22 FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNTS, WE SUPPLY PAYMENT
23 INFORMATION TO CREDIT RATING AGENCIES. IF YOUR
24 ACCOUNT IS MORE THAN SIXTY DAYS DELINQUENT, THE
25 DELINQUENCY REPORT COULD HARM YOUR CREDIT RATING".]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2017	16-262d(g)

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[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.]