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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5509

File No. 380

Cal. No. 254

"AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES FOR INTEREST RATES ON DELINQUENT SEWER ASSESSMENTS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) (a) Notwithstanding any
4 provision of the general statutes, special act, municipal charter or
5 ordinance to the contrary, each municipality with a population of not

6 fewer than one hundred thousand that is served by a private water
7 company that is regulated by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
8 shall adopt an ordinance, if applicable, to:

9 (1) Protect seniors, veterans and low-income families from water
10 pollution control authority foreclosures by restricting accelerated
11 foreclosure proceedings for past due sewer fees owed by any such
12 person. For purposes of this section, "municipality" means any town,
13 city, consolidated town and city or consolidated town and borough;

14 (2) Lower the interest rate charged by such municipality on
15 delinquent sewer assessments; and

16 (3) Restrict assignees of water pollution control authorities from
17 purchasing foreclosed properties and to establish financial guidelines
18 that trigger foreclosure for nonpayment of fees.

19 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the
20 contrary, on and after the effective date of this section, no action to
21 foreclose a lien shall be instituted for a period of one year after such
22 action is filed by a water pollution control authority or a representative
23 of such authority.

24 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2018*) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of
25 the general statutes, special act, municipal charter or ordinance, not
26 later than January 1, 2019, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
27 shall establish a program to regulate any applicable charges and
28 assessments and lien processes, including, but not limited to,
29 foreclosures, of any water pollution control authorities located in
30 municipalities with populations of not fewer than one hundred
31 thousand that are served by a private water company that is regulated
32 by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority. Not later than two years
33 following the establishment of such program, the Commissioner of
34 Energy and Environmental Protection shall submit a report to the joint
35 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
36 matters relating to planning and development, energy and technology
37 and the environment, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-

38 4a of the general statutes, detailing the status of such program and
 39 identifying any recommendations for legislation to further facilitate or
 40 expand such program.

41 (b) The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall direct each water
 42 pollution control authority or private water company regulated
 43 pursuant to the program established under this section to assess and
 44 collect a surcharge on each customer served by each such authority or
 45 company under such program. Such surcharge shall be in an amount
 46 equal to four dollars per customer per year. The proceeds from such
 47 surcharge shall be remitted to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
 48 and applied to offset the costs and expenses of establishing and
 49 administering such program."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2018	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2018	New section