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H 660. LIMIT LATE FEES BY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARDS. Filed 3/18/09. TO LIMIT FEES IMPOSED BY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARDS FOR DELINQUENT PAYMENT OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AND TO REQUIRE NOTICE AND A GRACE PERIOD FOR THE DISCONTINUATION OF SERVICE DUE TO DELINQUENT PAYMENTS.

Amends GS 130A-64 to prohibit a sanitary district board from imposing a late fee of more than \$15 or 10% of the amount due, whichever is greater, for water and sewer services charges and rates on an account that is less than 30 days past due. Specifies that a sanitary district board is not prohibited from imposing an additional late fee on an account that is more than 30 days past due. Also prohibits a sanitary district board from discontinuing or disconnecting service for nonpayment of a delinquent account, unless the account is at least 30 days past due and written notice has been provided, by first class mail, to the individual or entity responsible for payment at least 5 days prior to discontinuance or disconnection.

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