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SENATE BILL DRS35138-LM-8B\*

Short Title: Utilities/Water and Wastewater Consumption. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Newton (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE UTILITIES COMMISSION MAY ADOPT, IMPLEMENT,  
3 MODIFY, OR ELIMINATE A RATE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM FOR WATER OR  
4 WASTEWATER PUBLIC UTILITIES TO TRACK AND TRUE-UP VARIATIONS IN  
5 AVERAGE PER CUSTOMER USAGE FROM LEVELS APPROVED IN THE GENERAL  
6 RATE CASE PROCEEDING.  
7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
8 SECTION 1. Article 7 of Chapter 62 of the General Statutes is amended by adding  
9 a new section to read as follows:  
10 "§ 62-133.12A. Customer usage tracking rate adjustment mechanisms for water and  
11 wastewater rates.  
12 In setting rates for a water and wastewater utility in a general rate proceeding under  
13 G.S. 62-133, the Commission may adopt, implement, modify, or eliminate a rate adjustment  
14 mechanism for one or more of the company's rate schedules to track and true-up variations in  
15 average per customer usage from levels approved in the general rate case proceeding. The  
16 Commission may adopt a rate adjustment mechanism only upon a finding by the Commission  
17 that the mechanism is appropriate to track and true-up variations in average per customer usage  
18 by rate schedule from levels adopted in the general rate case proceeding and the mechanism is in  
19 the public interest."  
20 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

