

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 1017

Sponsor: SENATOR SAVAL

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1 Amend Bill, page 2, line 11, by striking out "1405(a) and
2 (b)" and inserting

3 1405

4 Amend Bill, page 2, line 29, by inserting a bracket before
5 "20%"

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7] 5%

8 Amend Bill, page 2, line 30, by inserting a bracket before
9 "if"

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12 Amend Bill, page 2, line 30, by inserting a bracket before
13 "level"

14 Amend Bill, page 3, line 3, by inserting a bracket after
15 "level"

16 Amend Bill, page 4, line 19, by inserting after
17 "emancipated."

18 The term shall include a verbal attestation of household
19 income provided by a customer or applicant to a public utility
20 for the purpose of an income-based or other requirement under
21 this chapter.

22 Amend Bill, page 8, lines 25 through 29, by striking out "The
23 request for a payment arrangement is" in line 25 and all of
24 lines 26 through 29

1 Amend Bill, page 8, line 30, by inserting a bracket before
2 "The"

3 Amend Bill, page 8, line 30, by inserting after
4 "arrangements.--The"

5] Except as provided under subsection (b.1), the

6 Amend Bill, page 9, line 18, by striking out all of said line
7 and inserting

8 (b.1) Alternative payment arrangement.--If a customer's
9 monthly payment would exceed 20% of the customer's average
10 monthly bill based on the length of the payment arrangement
11 under subsection (b), the commission may extend the applicable
12 length of the payment arrangement not to exceed two times the
13 length of the payment arrangement the customer would otherwise
14 be entitled to under subsection (b).

15 [(c) Customer assistance programs.--Customer assistance
16 program rates shall be timely paid and shall not be the subject
17 of payment arrangements negotiated or approved by the
18 commission.]

19 (d) Number of payment arrangements.--[Absent a change in
20 income, the commission shall not] The commission shall establish
21 or order a public utility to establish a second [or subsequent]
22 payment arrangement if a customer has defaulted on a previous
23 payment arrangement established by a commission order or
24 decision. The commission may establish or order a public utility
25 to establish subsequent payment arrangements if the customer
26 experienced a change in income or a significant change in
27 circumstance. A public utility may, at its discretion, enter
28 into [a second or subsequent payment arrangement] additional
29 payment arrangements with a customer.

30 (e) Extension of payment arrangements.--If the customer
31 defaults on a payment arrangement established under subsections
32 (a) and (b) as a result of a significant change in circumstance,
33 the commission may reinstate the payment arrangement and extend
34 the remaining term for a period not to exceed the payment
35 arrangement period established under subsection (b.1) if not
36 already previously extended under subsection (b.1) or, if
37 previously extended under subsection (b.1), an initial period of
38 six months. The initial extension period may be extended for an
39 additional six months for good cause shown.

40 (f) Failure to comply with payment arrangement.--Failure of
41 a customer to comply with the terms of a payment arrangement
42 shall be grounds for a public utility to terminate the
43 customer's service. Pending the outcome of a complaint filed
44 with the commission, a customer shall be obligated to pay that
45 portion of the bill which is not in dispute and subsequent bills

1 which are not in dispute.

2 Amend Bill, page 9, line 22, by striking out "(c)(2)(i)" and
3 inserting

4 (c)(2)

5 Amend Bill, page 14, line 4, by inserting after "customer"
6 , who is not covered under subparagraph (iv),

7 Amend Bill, page 14, line 11, by inserting a bracket before
8 "three"

9 Amend Bill, page 14, line 11, by inserting after "three"

10] six

11 Amend Bill, page 14, line 18, by striking out all of said
12 line and inserting

13 (ii) [Full payment of any reconnection fees together
14 with repayment] Repayment over 12 months of any
15 outstanding balance incurred by the customer, who is not
16 covered under subparagraph (iv), or applicant if the
17 customer or applicant has an income exceeding 150% of the
18 Federal poverty level but not greater than 300% of the
19 Federal poverty level.

20 (iii) [Full payment of any reconnection fees
21 together with payment] Repayment over 24 months of any
22 outstanding balance incurred by the customer or applicant
23 if the customer, who is not covered under subparagraph
24 (iv), or applicant has an income not exceeding 150% of
25 the Federal poverty level. [A customer or applicant of a
26 city natural gas distribution operation whose household
27 income does not exceed 135% of the Federal poverty level
28 shall be reinstated pursuant to this subsection only if
29 the customer or applicant enrolls in the customer
30 assistance program of the city natural gas distribution
31 operation except that this requirement shall not apply if
32 the financial benefits to such customer or applicant are
33 greater if served outside of that assistance program.]

34 (iv) The payment of an outstanding balance in
35 accordance with the terms of a payment arrangement
36 established under section 1405 (relating to payment
37 arrangements) if the customer has not previously entered
38 into a payment arrangement established under section
39 1405.