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An act relating to water and sewer service

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 5143 is amended to read:

§ 5143. DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE

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(c) The tenant of a rental dwelling noticed for disconnection due to the delinquency of the ratepayer shall have the right to request and pay for continued service from the utility or reconnection of water and sewer service for the rental dwelling, which the utility shall provide. If any water and sewer charges or fees are included in the tenant's rent, the tenant may deduct the cost of any water and sewer service charges or fees paid to the municipality from his or her rent pursuant to 9 V.S.A. § 4459. Under such circumstances, the utility shall not require the tenant to pay any arrearage greater than one billing cycle.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.