

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Finance to which was referred Senate Bill No. 204
3 entitled “An act relating to electric ratepayer assistance and utility
4 disconnections” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 209(b) is amended to read:

8 (b) Required rules.

9 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 218 of this chapter, the
10 Public Utility Commission shall, under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25, adopt rules
11 applicable to companies subject to this chapter that:

12 ~~(A)~~(A) regulate or prescribe terms and conditions of extension of
13 utility service to customers or applicants for service, including:

14 ~~(A)~~(i) the conditions under which a deposit may be required, if
15 any;

16 ~~(B)~~(ii) the extension of service lines;

17 ~~(C)~~(iii) the terms of payment of any required deposit; and

18 ~~(D)~~(iv) the return of any deposit;

19 ~~(2)~~(B) regulate or prescribe the grounds upon which the companies
20 may disconnect or refuse to reconnect service to customers; and

1 ~~(3)~~(C) regulate and prescribe reasonable procedures used by
2 companies in disconnecting or reconnecting services and billing customers.

3 (2) The Public Utility Commission shall amend Rule 3.300, concerning
4 disconnection of residential gas, electric, and water service, to include
5 residential customer protections related to utility service disconnections and
6 reconnections during periods of extreme heat, as defined by the Commission.

7 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on passage.

9 and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating
10 to utility service during periods of extreme heat”

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18 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE