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Sponsor(s): Senators Mulliken, Benton, Esser, Shin, Schmidt and T. Sheldon

Brief Description: Requiring that utility service charges of tenants be collected from the tenant.

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Declares that all charges made for utility services must be charged to the customer who contracts for the services. In cases where the service contract is with the tenant of a property, collection of charges must be made from the tenant, and liens against the property owner are prohibited. A city, county, or town may not refuse to provide service to a residential customer who is a tenant based on the nonpayment for services by the prior customer. The city, county, or town may refuse to provide service if the prior nonpaying customer continues to reside in the premises.