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Public Utilities.

## House File 81

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Passed House, Date..... Passed Senate, Date.....  
Vote: Ayes..... Nays..... Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....  
Approved.....

## A BILL FOR

An Act to authorize the Iowa state commerce commission to regulate the rates and services of public utilities, to define public utilities to include those engaged in the furnishing of electricity, gas, water or communications services to the public for compensation, and to provide for appeals from orders and decisions of the Iowa state commerce commission.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

**This is a Companion Bill; for complete text see Senate File 32.**

### EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 81

This bill gives jurisdiction to the Iowa state commerce commission to regulate rates and services of public utilities furnishing gas, electricity, communications and water. It excludes mutual telephone companies in which at least 50 percent of the users are owners, telephone companies having less than 2,000 stations, all municipally-owned utilities and cooperatives from any rate regulation, and nothing in the act is applicable to municipally-owned waterworks. It gives the commission authority to subpoena witnesses, make necessary rules and regulations, employ the necessary personnel to carry out its duties, and to establish a system of accounts to be followed by the public utilities. It requires a public utility, subject to rate regulation, to file its rates, charges, rules and regulations with the commission. It prohibits the utility from granting any unreasonable preferences as to rates and services and gives the commission authority to determine reasonableness of rates and services. Provides that the commission's expense of investigating the rates of any particular utility shall be paid by that utility and provides that such expenses shall not exceed two-tenths of one percent of the utility's gross intrastate operating revenues in any one calendar year. The general expenses of the commission, not assignable to a particular utility, are to be assessed against all utilities and shall not exceed one-tenth of one percent of the total intrastate gross operating revenues, and the aggregate general assessment shall not exceed \$300,000 per year. Provisions are made for appeals to the district court, the scope of review by the district court and for appeals to the supreme court of Iowa. Makes provision for an annual report by the commission of its functions under the law and repeals laws that are inconsistent with this act.