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COMMERCE AND REGULATION

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BY FALLON

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the waiver of late fees or penalties on
2 certain utility bills, and providing an effective date.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 476.20, Code 2001, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. A utility shall waive any late charge
4 or penalty on gas or electric utility bills covering service
5 provided during the period from November 1 through March 31.

6 Sec. 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection
7 3, shall not apply to this Act.

8 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
9 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

10 EXPLANATION

11 This bill amends Code section 476.20, regarding limits on
12 disconnection of services by public utilities. The bill
13 requires utilities to waive late charges or penalties on gas
14 or electric utility bills covering service provided during the
15 period from November 1 through March 31.

16 The bill is effective immediately.

17 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
18 section 25B.3. The bill makes inapplicable Code section
19 25B.2, subsection 3, which would relieve a political
20 subdivision from complying with a state mandate if funding for
21 the cost of the state mandate is not provided or specified.
22 Therefore, political subdivisions are required to comply with
23 any state mandate included in the bill.

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