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**SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2006** 

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FOR House Bill No. 4120

(By Delegates Michael, Stemple, Boggs, Ashley, Hrutkay, Martin, Swartzmiller, Stalnaker and Evans)

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## H. B. 4120

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[Passed March 9, 2006; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §24-3-10, relating to authorizing the termination of water service for delinquent sewer bills; providing for the termination of water service for delinquent sewer bills where sewer service is provided by a public utility that is owned and operated by a homeowners' association; and providing for the termination of water service for delinquent sewer bills where sewer service is provided by a privately owned public utility.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §24-3-10, to read as follows:

fees and charges.

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# ARTICLE 3. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF PUBLIC UTILITIES SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS OF COMMISSION.

#### §24-3-10. Termination of water service for delinquent sewer bills.

- (a) In the event that any publicly or privately owned utility, 1 2 city, incorporated town, municipal corporation or public service district owns and operates either water facilities or sewer 4 facilities, and a privately owned public utility or a public utility 5 that is owned and operated by a homeowners' association owns and operates the other kind of facilities, either water or sewer, 7 then the privately owned public utility or the homeowners' association may contract with the publicly or privately owned 8 9 utility, city, incorporated town, or public service district which 10 provides the other services to shutoff and discontinue the 11 supplying of water service for the nonpayment of sewer service
- 13 (b) Any contracts entered into by a privately owned public 14 utility or by a public utility that is owned and operated by a 15 homeowners' association pursuant to this section must be 16 submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval.
- 17 (c) Any privately owned public utility or any public utility
  18 that is that is owned and operated by a homeowners' association
  19 which provides water and sewer service to its customers may
  20 terminate water service for delinquency in payment of either
  21 water or sewer bills.
- 22 (d) Where a privately owned public utility or a public utility
  23 that is owned and operated by a homeowners' association is
  24 providing sewer service and another utility is providing water
  25 service, and the privately owned public utility or the homeown26 ers' association providing sewer service experiences a delin27 quency in payment, the utility providing water service, upon the
  28 request of the homeowners' association or the privately owned
  29 public utility providing sewer service to the delinquent account,

- 30 shall terminate its water service to the customer having the
- 31 delinquent sewer account.
- 32 (e) Any termination of water service must comply with all
- 33 rules and orders of the Public Service Commission.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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