

HOUSE BILL NO. 606

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING CUSTOMERS TO OPT-IN FOR ADVANCED METERING DEVICE INSTALLATION; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; REPEALING SECTION 69-4-1004, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Advanced meter opt-in provisions -- rulemaking. (1) A utility shall require customers to opt-in to the installation of all advanced metering devices located at an end user's residence or business.

(2) A utility may not charge customers who do not opt-in to advanced metering device installation additional fees or charges related to the customer decision to forego installation.

(3) If the commission determines an opt-in program should be established, the commission shall adopt rules providing options and requirements for individual customers to opt-in to advanced metering device installation.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Repealer. The following section of the Montana Code Annotated is repealed:

69-4-1004. Opt-out -- public service commission responsibilities -- rulemaking.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 69, chapter 4, part 10, and the provisions of Title 69, chapter 4, part 10, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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