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**** Bill No. ****

Introduced By *****

By Request of the *****

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A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act authorizing the public service commission to offer standard rate tariffs to small sewer or water utilities; granting the commission rulemaking authority; and providing an immediate effective date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Small sewer or water utility regulation -- standard rate.** (1) The commission may grant a small sewer or water utility a standard rate.

(2) The standard rate is:

- (a) just and reasonable to a utility's customers; and
- (b) in the public interest.

(3) This section does not limit the commission's existing regulatory authority over small sewer or water utilities or require the commission to grant a standard rate.

(4) The commission may adopt rules necessary to establish a standard rate.

(5) For the purposes of this section, "small sewer and water utility" means a privately owned sewer or water utility that serves the public and has 500 or fewer customers.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. {standard} Codification**

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instruction. [Section 2] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 69, chapter 3, and the provisions of Title 69, chapter 3, apply to [section 2].

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. {standard} Saving clause.** [This act] does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, or proceedings that were begun before [the effective date of this act].

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

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