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An Act To Streamline Collections for Consumer-owned Consolidated Water and Wastewater Utilities

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §6111-C is enacted to read:

§ 6111-C. Disconnection of water service for nonpayment of sewer services

This section applies to any consumer-owned water utility that is authorized to provide sewer services. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the event a user of the consumer-owned water utility's sewer system fails within a reasonable time to pay the utility's rates, fees or charges for sewer service, the utility may disconnect water service to the user, as long as the disconnection is accomplished in accordance with procedures established in applicable law or rules governing disconnection of utility services and terms and conditions approved by the commission.

SUMMARY

This bill allows a consumer-owned water utility that also provides sewer services to disconnect water service to a user for nonpayment by that user of the utility's sewer service charges.