

5771-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Energy & Utilities (originally sponsored by Senators Barr, Sutherland, Nelson and Thorsness)

Brief Description: Encouraging customers to pay the full amount owed for utility services.

SB 5771-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires that all charges made for utility services shall be paid by the customer and liens against the property of the landlord for the service is prohibited.

Provides that utilities may not refuse service to a tenant based on the nonpayment for services by the prior customer.

Authorizes cities and towns to require an adequate deposit for new service and to establish a schedule and procedure to discontinue service to delinquent customers.