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(To be offered in the Environment and Transportation Committee)

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 139

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Office of Home Energy Programs**” and substitute “**Notice of Utility Bills in Residential Leases**”; in the same line, strike “**Financial Assistance**” and substitute “**Gas and Electric Services**”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “assistance” in line 8 and substitute “adding gas and electric utility services to the types of utility services for which certain landlords are required to provide a certain notice in a written lease and a copy of a certain receipt under certain circumstances”; in lines 8 and 9, strike “the Office of Home Energy Programs” and substitute “required provisions in written leases”; in line 10, strike “adding to” and substitute “repealing and reenacting, with amendments,”; and in line 12, strike “8-220” and substitute “8-205.1”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 17, insert:

“8-205.1.

(a) In this section, “utility service provider” means a public service company or a unit of State or local government that provides water [or], sewer, GAS, OR ELECTRIC utility services.

(b) [(1) This section applies only to a landlord of a building that contains one or two residential dwelling units.

(2) This section does not apply to a landlord that requires a tenant, under an oral or written lease, to pay water [or], sewer, GAS, OR ELECTRIC bills directly to the utility service provider.

(c) A landlord that requires a tenant to make payments for water [or], sewer, GAS, OR ELECTRIC utility services to the landlord shall:

(1) Use a written lease that provides notice that the tenant is responsible for making payments for water [or], sewer, GAS, OR ELECTRIC utility services to the landlord; and

(2) Provide a copy of the water [or], sewer, GAS, OR ELECTRIC bill to the tenant.”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 18 on page 1 through line 25 on page 2, inclusive.