

SENATE FILE NO. SF0043

Water service-late payment fees.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Case and Representative(s) Robinson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public utilities; limiting the amount  
2 that may be charged for late payment of bills for water  
3 services; making conforming amendments; providing a  
4 definition; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 37-3-116 is created to read:

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10 **37-3-116. Water services; late payment fees.**

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12 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
13 contrary, a delinquency charge or other fee for the late  
14 payment of a bill for water services shall not exceed the  
15 greater of:

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1           (i) Two percent (2%) of the unpaid amount of the  
2 bill; or

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4           (ii) Five dollars (\$5.00).

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6           (b) For the purposes of this section, "water  
7 services" means the supply, storage, distribution or  
8 furnishing to or for the public of water for manufacturing,  
9 municipal, agriculture or domestic uses.

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11           **Section 2.** W.S. 15-7-101(a)(iii)(C) is amended to  
12 read:

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14           **15-7-101. Purposes.**

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16           (a) In addition to all other powers provided by law,  
17 any city or town may make public improvements as follows  
18 for which bonds may be issued to the contractor or be sold  
19 as provided in this chapter to:

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21           (iii) Take any action necessary to establish,  
22 purchase, extend, maintain and regulate a water system for  
23 supplying water to its inhabitants and for any other public  
24 purposes, including:

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(C) Enacting ordinances for their enforcement and collection, provided that a delinquency charge or other fee for the late payment of a bill for water services shall be subject to the limitations of W.S. 37-3-116.

**Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2004.

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