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HOUSE BILL DRH40198-LM-14A

Short Title: Water/Sewer to Contiguous Dwelling Units. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Shepard, Grange, Hurley, and Hardister (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT IF THE UTILITIES COMMISSION APPROVES A FLAT
3 RATE FOR WATER OR SEWER SERVICES FOR CONTIGUOUS DWELLING UNITS,
4 THE LESSOR OF THE UNITS MAY PASS THROUGH AND CHARGE THE TENANTS
5 THAT SAME FLAT RATE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 62-110 reads as rewritten:

8 "§ 62-110. **Certificate of convenience and necessity.**

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10 (g) In addition to the authority to issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity
11 and establish rates otherwise granted in this Chapter, for the purpose of encouraging water
12 conservation, the Commission may, consistent with the public interest, adopt procedures that
13 allow a lessor to charge for the costs of providing water or sewer service to persons who occupy
14 the leased premises. The following provisions shall apply:

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16 (1b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (1a) of this section, if
17 the Commission approves a flat rate for water or sewer services for contiguous
18 dwelling units rather than a rate based on metered consumption, the lessor
19 may pass through and charge the tenants of the contiguous dwelling units the
20 same flat rate for water or sewer services and an administrative fee as
21 authorized in subdivision (2) of this subsection. Bills for water and sewer
22 service sent by the lessor to the lessee shall contain all the information
23 required by sub-sub-subdivisions e.2. through e.5. of subdivision (1a) of this
24 section.

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26 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

