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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 58‑1‑70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC UTILITY THAT SUPPLIES ELECTRICITY OR NATURAL GAS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 58 MAY NOT TRANSFER OR APPLY A DELINQUENT, LATE, OVERDUE, OR UNPAID BALANCE FROM ONE ACCOUNT TO ANOTHER ACCOUNT HELD INDIVIDUALLY OR JOINTLY IN THE SAME CUSTOMER’S NAME.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58‑1‑70. Notwithstanding another provision of law, a public utility that supplies electricity or natural gas pursuant to the provisions of this title may not transfer or apply a delinquent, late, overdue, or unpaid balance from one account to another account held individually or jointly in the same customer’s name.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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