

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2016 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4665**

BY DELEGATES HARTMAN, SPONAUGLE, CAMPBELL,

PERRY AND LYNCH

[Introduced February 22, 2016; Referred  
to the Committee on Political Subdivisions then  
Government Organization.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §24-3-11, relating to creating a mandatory grace period for the payment of  
 3 water and sewer bills.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new  
 2 section, designated §24-3-11, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 3. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF PUBLIC UTILITIES SUBJECT TO  
 REGULATIONS OF COMMISSION.**

**§24-3-11. Grace period for payment of water and sewer bills.**

1 Any water or sewer facility which is owned or operated by a public or private utility, city,  
 2 incorporated town, municipal corporation or public service district shall give every customer a  
 3 thirty-day grace period for payment of the customer’s water and sewer bill before charging a late  
 4 fee.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require water and sewer facilities to give every customer a thirty-day grace period for payment of their bill before instituting a late fee.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.