

House Bill 814

In The House

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Introduced and referred
to Committee on Business
and Industry.

April 23, 1981

Died in Committee.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA,

11 Section 1. Section 69-3-201, MCA, is amended to read:

12 "69-3-201. Utilities to provide adequate service at

13 reasonable charges ~~—water and sewage metering~~

14 requirements. (1) Every public utility is required to

15 furnish reasonably adequate service and facilities. The

16 charge made by any public utility for any heat, light,

17 power, water, telegraph, or telephone service produced,

18 transmitted, delivered, or furnished or for any service to

19 be rendered as or in connection with any public utility

20 shall be reasonable and just, and every unjust and

21 unreasonable charge is prohibited and declared unlawful.

22 {21} Whenever a water meter is in use, water and
23 sewer charges shall be based on actual monthly water use
24 readings. The requirements of subsection {21}(a) are
25 suspended for as long as the reading of meters remains

1 impracticable due to an emergency or major disaster or
2 severe weather conditions.
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4 (b) No customer of any utility may be required to have
5 a water or sewer meter. A customer who wants a meter may
6 obtain one by accepting the offer of the utility serving him
to install a meter."

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