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HOUSE BILL DRH10154-MH-24B

Short Title: Water/Sewer Authorities Payment Assist. Progs. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Insko.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO EMPOWER WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITIES DURING PERIODS OF  
3 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES TO MODIFY REVENUE COLLECTION  
4 PRACTICES AND TO FUND PROGRAMS OF PAYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR  
5 PERSONS OF LOW INCOME.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 162A-6(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

8 "(9b) To suspend standard revenue collection practices during a declared emergency  
9 in order to assure continuation of service during the emergency, and to apply  
10 grants and other federal, State, and local funds to replace revenues lost as a  
11 result of customer delinquency during the emergency. During a suspension of  
12 revenue collection practices under this subdivision, the authority may make  
13 accommodations, including the forgiveness of balances in arrears from  
14 low-income customers, to the extent of and when required as a condition for  
15 receipt of the federal, State, or local funding. For purposes of this subdivision,  
16 "declared emergency" means the period of an emergency, as defined in  
17 G.S. 166A-19.3, declared by one of the authorities set out in G.S. 166A-19.20  
18 or G.S. 155A-19.22 for an area that includes all or part of the service area of  
19 the authority and "low-income" means persons in households the annual  
20 income of which, adjusted for family size, is not more than sixty percent  
21 (60%) of the local area median family income as defined by the most recent  
22 figures published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban  
23 Development."

24 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.

