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SENATE BILL 429\*

Short Title: Utilities/Water and Wastewater Consumption. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Newton (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 1, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE UTILITIES COMMISSION MAY ADOPT, IMPLEMENT, MODIFY, OR ELIMINATE A RATE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM FOR WATER OR WASTEWATER PUBLIC UTILITIES TO TRACK AND TRUE-UP VARIATIONS IN AVERAGE PER CUSTOMER USAGE FROM LEVELS APPROVED IN THE GENERAL RATE CASE PROCEEDING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 7 of Chapter 62 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

**"§ 62-133.12A. Customer usage tracking rate adjustment mechanisms for water and wastewater rates.**

In setting rates for a water and wastewater utility in a general rate proceeding under G.S. 62-133, the Commission may adopt, implement, modify, or eliminate a rate adjustment mechanism for one or more of the company's rate schedules to track and true-up variations in average per customer usage from levels approved in the general rate case proceeding. The Commission may adopt a rate adjustment mechanism only upon a finding by the Commission that the mechanism is appropriate to track and true-up variations in average per customer usage by rate schedule from levels adopted in the general rate case proceeding and the mechanism is in the public interest."

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

