

SENATE, No. 2208

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 16, 1997

By Senator KYRILLOS

1 AN ACT concerning the imposition of certain public utility fees and  
2 supplementing Title 48 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. As used in this act, an exit fee is a fee that a public utility  
8 imposes upon a ratepayer when that ratepayer leaves the public utility's  
9 system.

10 b. No gas, electric, or gas and electric public utility shall impose  
11 exit fees upon ratepayers unless and until such fees are authorized by  
12 an act of the Legislature.

13 c. The Board of Public Utilities shall not impose, or approve any  
14 petition from a gas, electric or gas and electric public utility for, an  
15 exit fee or fees unless and until such fees are authorized by an act of  
16 the Legislature.

17 d. The Board of Public Utilities shall review, evaluate and submit  
18 findings and recommendations concerning exit fees in a written report  
19 to the Governor and the Legislature on or before October 1, 1997.

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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately .

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill would prohibit public utilities from imposing exit fees upon  
26 ratepayers who leave the utilities' system until the Legislature  
27 authorizes such fees. The bill also prohibits the Board of Public  
28 Utilities from imposing the fees or approving petitions from a gas,  
29 electric or gas and electric public utility for the fees. Finally, the bill  
30 directs the Board of Public Utilities to report to the Governor and the  
31 Legislature its findings and recommendations concerning exit fees by  
32 October 1, 1997.

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36 Prohibits public utility exit fees.