

HB 539 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **539**

AN ACT requiring electric utilities to use residential electric rates for certain types of residential condominiums.

SPONSORS: Rep. Manos, Rock. 12; Rep. Cormen, Graf. 15; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24

COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that the residential electric rate for domestic consumption shall apply to the well pump and septic system of residential condominium units.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Condominium Instruments; Commercial Use. Amend RSA 356-B:16, I(e) to read as follows:

2 (e) A description or delineation of the limited common areas, if any, showing or
3 designating the unit or units to which each is assigned, **and whether any commercial or business**
4 **enterprises are permitted;**

5 2 Rates and Charges; Schedules; Commercial Electric Rates. Amend RSA 378:1 to read as
6 follows:

7 378:1 Schedules. Every public utility shall file with the public utilities commission, and shall
8 print and keep open to public inspection, schedules showing the rates, fares, charges and prices for
9 any service rendered or to be rendered in accordance with the rules adopted by the commission
10 pursuant to RSA 541-A; provided, however, that:

11 **I.** Public utilities which serve as seasonal tourist attractions only, as determined in
12 accordance with rules adopted by the commission pursuant to RSA 541-A, shall be exempt from the
13 provisions of this chapter.

14 **II. Residential electric rates for domestic consumption shall apply to the well pump**
15 **and septic system of individual units within a condominium association under RSA 356-B**
16 **that does not permit commercial or business enterprises.**

17 3 Definition of Terms; Public Utility; Rural Electric Cooperatives; When Included; Reference
18 Added. Amend RSA 362:2, II to read as follows:

19 II. For the purposes of this title only, rural electric cooperatives for which a certificate of
20 deregulation is on file with the public utilities commission pursuant to RSA 301:57 shall not be
21 considered public utilities; provided, however, that the provisions of RSA 362-A:1, 362-A:2, 362-A:3,
22 362-A:4, 362-A:5, 362-A:6, 362-A:7, 362-A:8, 363-B, 371, 374:2-a, 374:26, 374:48-56, 374-A, 374-C,
23 374-F, **378:1, II,** and 378:37 shall, unless otherwise provided herein, be applicable to rural electric
24 cooperatives, without regard to whether a certificate of regulation or deregulation is on file with the
25 public utilities commission. The provisions of RSA 374-A and the provisions of RSA 374-F:3, V(b)
26 and (f) and RSA 374-F:7 shall be applicable to rural electric cooperatives for which a certificate of
27 deregulation is on file with the public utilities commission to the same extent as municipal utilities.

28 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.