

Amendment to HB 317

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

2

3 AN ACT relative to changes in the system benefits charge.

4

5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

6

7 1 Electric Utility Restructuring; Policy Principles; System Benefits Charge. Amend RSA 374-
8 F:3, VI to read as follows:

9 VI. Benefits for All Consumers. Restructuring of the electric utility industry should be
10 implemented in a manner that benefits all consumers equitably and does not benefit one customer
11 class to the detriment of another. Costs should not be shifted unfairly among customers. A
12 nonbypassable and competitively neutral system benefits charge applied to the use of the
13 distribution system may be used to fund public benefits related to the provision of electricity. Such
14 benefits, as approved by regulators, may include, but not necessarily be limited to, programs for
15 low-income customers, energy efficiency programs, funding for the electric utility industry's share
16 of commission expenses pursuant to RSA 363-A, support for research and development, and
17 investments in commercialization strategies for new and beneficial technologies. ***Legislative***
18 ***approval shall be required to modify the system benefits charge except for the 3-year***
19 ***program authorized by Order No. 25,932 issued by the commission, dated August 2, 2016.***

20 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Amendment to HB 317
- Page 2 -

2017-2483h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires legislative approval for modifications to the system benefits charge.