

HB 537 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **537**

AN ACT relative to electric rates approved by the public utilities commission for residential condominium property.

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

COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

ANALYSIS

This bill requires that public utilities charge the same electric rates for certain condominium associations as they do for residential units, and it amends provisions related to rural electric cooperatives and condominium use for commercial enterprises.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 New Section; Public Utility Rates; Condominium Charges. Amend RSA 378 by inserting after
6 section 6 the following new section:

7 378:6-a Condominium Charges. An electric rate schedule of a public utility filed with the
8 commission shall ensure that condominium associations under RSA 356-B, which do not permit
9 commercial or business enterprises, are charged the same electric rates as condominium residential
10 units for domestic septic and well-pump electric usage.

11 3 Public Utility. Amend RSA 362:2, II to read as follows:

12 II. For the purposes of this title only, rural electric cooperatives for which a certificate of
13 deregulation is on file with the public utilities commission pursuant to RSA 301:57 shall not be
14 considered public utilities; provided, however, that the provisions of RSA 362-A:1, 362-A:2, 362-A:3,
15 362-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,
16 374-F, **378:6-a**, and 378:37 shall, unless otherwise provided herein, be applicable to rural electric
17 cooperatives, without regard to whether a certificate of regulation or deregulation is on file with the
18 public utilities commission. The provisions of RSA 374-A and the provisions of RSA 374-F:3, V(b)
19 and (f) and RSA 374-F:7 shall be applicable to rural electric cooperatives for which a certificate of
20 deregulation is on file with the public utilities commission to the same extent as municipal utilities.

21 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.