1	H. B. 2163
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3	(By Delegates J. Miller, Cowles, Overington and Duke)
4	[Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the
5	Committee on Political Subdivisions then the Judiciary.]
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10	A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
11	adding thereto a new section, designated §24-3-11, relating to
12	creating a mandatory grace period for the payment of water and
13	sewer bills.
14	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
15	That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended
16	by adding thereto a new section, designated §24-3-11, to read as
17	follows:
18	ARTICLE 3. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF PUBLIC UTILITIES SUBJECT TO
19	REGULATIONS OF COMMISSION.
20	<u>§24-3-11. Grace period for payment of water and sewer bills.</u>
21	Any water or sewer facility which is owned or operated by a
22	public or private utility, city, incorporated town, municipal
23	corporation or public service district shall give every customer a

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## 1 thirty-day grace period for payment of the customer's water and

## 2 sewer bill before charging a late fee.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require water and sewer facilities to give every customer a thirty-day grace period for payment of their bill before instituting a late fee.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.