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House Bill 3310

By Delegates Bridges, Dean, Vance, Hornby, Foggin, Willis, Dillon, Roop, Hornbuckle, Young, and Eldridge

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §24-3-3b, relating to requiring all utility companies to absorb the costs of maintenance, upgrades, and repairs for the infrastructure used in delivering services and prohibiting the cost of said maintenance and upgrades being passed on to the consumer.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 3. Duties and Privileges of Public Utilities Subject to Regulations of Commission.

§24-3-3b. Maintenance and upgrades of utility infrastructure.

(a)Any business entity who provides utility services to West Virginians shall maintain the infrastructure necessary to provide said services in serviceable, working condition and shall absorb the cost of said maintenance or upgrades.

(b)Any business entity performing the maintenance or upgrades described in this section shall not pass the cost burden on to customers and shall maintain records that conclusively show that these costs were not included in any justification for a rate increase or any other increased financial burden upon the customer.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to ensure that utility companies absorb the costs associated with maintenance and upgrades without passing that cost on to customers.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.