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Introduced by Representatives Page of Newport City, Anthony of Barre City,  
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Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, Houghton  
of Essex, Labor of Morgan, LaClair of Barre Town, Marcotte of  
Coventry, Masland of Thetford, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan,  
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Peterson of Clarendon, Rosenquist of Georgia, Seymour of  
Sutton, Smith of Derby, Williams of Granby, and Yantachka of  
Charlotte

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Utilities; disconnection; rental properties; landlord notice

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require a  
utility to notify the owner of rental property when service to the property has  
been disconnected even if the tenant is the ratepayer.

An act relating to landlord notice of utility disconnections

1 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

2 Sec. 1. UTILITY DISCONNECTION; LANDLORD NOTIFICATION

3 For the purpose of promoting safety, the protection of property, and  
4 providing assistance to tenants, the Public Utility Commission shall revise its  
5 applicable rules to ensure that a utility provides notice of a utility service  
6 disconnection to the residential or nonresidential property owner even if the  
7 tenant is the ratepayer. As used in this section, “utility service” means gas,  
8 electric, water, and sewer service. The notice requirement developed by the  
9 Public Utility Commission pursuant to this section also shall apply to  
10 disconnections of water and sewer service provided by a water or sewer system  
11 owned by a municipality, fire district, or private company subject to the  
12 uniform water and sewer disconnection requirements in 24 V.S.A. chapter 129.

13 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on passage.