

HB 360 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT

relative to public utilities that fail to restore service within 3 days.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Ulery, Hills 37; Rep. D. McGuire, Merr 21

COMMITTEE:

Science, Technology and Energy

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that any regulated public utility that fails to restore service to its customers within 3 days shall be liable for damages sustained by the customer.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 General Public Utility Duty; Service; Liability. Amend RSA 374:1 to read as follows:
2 374:1 Service; ***Liability***.

3 ***I.*** Every public utility shall furnish such service and facilities as shall be reasonably safe and
4 adequate and in all other respects just and reasonable.

5 ***II.*** ***Except following a declared state of emergency, any public utility that fails to***
6 ***restore service within 3 days shall be liable for damages sustained by the customer that***
7 ***were caused by such utility's failure to restore service by such date.***

8 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016.