

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES, AND ENERGY

BILL SUMMARY

BILL NO. H.3468

TITLE: An Act relative to utility bills

SPONSOR: Representative Rob Consalvo

COMMITTEE: Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy

HEARING DATE: June 4, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: 2023-2024: H.3680 heard by TUE Committee; no further action taken

CURRENT LAW:

Chapter 165 of the General Laws pertains to water and aqueduct companies, which are under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Department of Public Utilities (DPU).

Section 1D of Chapter 164 of the General Laws pertains to the billing of retail customers; notice of offers available by participating non-utility competitive suppliers; and payment to suppliers by electric distribution companies. These activities are under the regulatory jurisdiction of DPU.

Chapter 25C pertains to the Department of Telecommunications and Cable (DTC).

SUMMARY:

This legislation adds a new section to Chapter 165 to require any municipality, district, or company that supplies water to customers to include all available discounts for seniors, veterans, or persons with disabilities on every water bill issued.

It further adds a provision in Section 1D of Chapter 164 to require bills sent to gas or electric company customers to list all available discounts for seniors, veterans, or persons with disabilities.

The bill also adds a new section to Chapter 25C to require all companies subject to DTC's jurisdiction to list all available discounts for seniors, veterans, or persons with disabilities on bills for services issued to customers.