SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1853

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON (12).

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 386, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the public service commission.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 386, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 386.1650, to read as follows:

386.1650.   1.   All utilities regulated by the commission shall provide, at a
2 **minimum, the following information when billing customers for back charges:**

3 **(1) Explanation of why the charges are being billed;**

4 **(2) An itemized list of services and service dates; and**

5 **(3) Options for payment plans.**

6 **2. As used in this section "back charges" shall mean charges incurred for service**
7 **provided prior to the current billing period that were not billed during the period they**
8 **were incurred due to an error by the utility or the customer that resulted in unpaid**
9 **charges without service being disconnected.**

10 **3. The commission may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the**
11 **administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in**
12 **section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall**
13 **become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter**
14 **536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable**
15 **and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to**
16 **review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently**

EXPLANATION —   Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or**
18 **adopted after August 28, 2024, shall be invalid and void.**

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