

1 HB622  
2 139945-1  
3 By Representative Beckman  
4 RFD: Commerce and Small Business  
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would allow certain utility  
9 service providers to collect a reasonable attorney  
10 fee for the purpose of collecting debts owed.  
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12 A BILL  
13 TO BE ENTITLED  
14 AN ACT  
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16 Relating to certain utility services, to allow for  
17 the collection of attorney fees for the collection of debts.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

19 Section 1. (a) Utility services including gas,  
20 electric power and light, and water services may retain a  
21 licensed attorney for the purpose of collecting debts owed by  
22 any person.

23 (b) The utility service may add a reasonable fee,  
24 payable by the debtor, to the outstanding debt for the  
25 collection fee incurred or to be incurred.

26 (c) This bill is not applicable to companies  
27 providing cable TV or Internet services.

1                   Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
2 first day of the third month following its passage and  
3 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.