

1-1 By: Menéndez S.B. No. 758  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 6, 2017; February 22, 2017,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental  
1-4 Relations; March 27, 2017, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; March 27, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10			X	
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to bill payment assistance programs offered by certain  
1-18 municipalities.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 1502.056(a), Government Code, is amended  
1-21 to read as follows:

1-22 (a) If the revenue of a utility system, park, or swimming  
1-23 pool secures the payment of public securities issued or obligations  
1-24 incurred under this chapter, each expense of operation and  
1-25 maintenance, including all salaries, labor, materials, interest,  
1-26 repairs and extensions necessary to provide efficient service, and  
1-27 each proper item of expense, is a first lien against that revenue.  
1-28 For a municipality with a population of more than one million but  
1-29 less than two million, the first lien against the revenue of a  
1-30 municipally owned utility system that secures the payment of public  
1-31 securities issued or obligations incurred under this chapter also  
1-32 applies to funding, as a necessary operations expense, for a bill  
1-33 payment assistance program for utility system customers who:

1-34 (1) ~~[have been threatened with disconnection from~~  
1-35 ~~service for nonpayment of bills and who]~~ have been determined by the  
1-36 municipality to be low-income customers; or

1-37 (2) are military veterans who have significantly  
1-38 decreased abilities to regulate their bodies' core temperatures  
1-39 because of severe burns received in combat.

1-40 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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