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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Jackson to Engrossed House Bill No. 6 by Representative Jackson

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

- On page 1, line 4, after "penalties;" and before "and" insert "to provide for a statement of
 legislative intent;"
- 4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 9, after "knowingly" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 10 and 6 11 in their entirety and insert the following:

7	"do any of the following:
8	(1) Fail to apply the money or payment as necessary to satisfy the amount
9	owed for the utility services during a sixty-day period of time or longer after
10	receiving payment, unless a longer period is specified in the contract.
11	(2) Use or cause an agent or employee to use any deception, false pretense,
12	or false promise in the failure to apply the money or payment as necessary to satisfy
13	the amount owed for the utility services."

14 AMENDMENT NO. 3

15 On page 2, line 20, after "<u>person</u>" and before the period "<u>"</u> insert "<u>who is authorized and</u> 16 responsible for making payments for utility services"

- 17 AMENDMENT NO. 4
- 18 On page 2, after line 22, add the following:

19 "Section 2. It is the intent of the legislature to establish a clear criminal offense for 20 the misappropriation of utility funds received under a lease or rental agreement. This statute is designed to address circumstances where payments collected for utility services are 21 knowingly or fraudulently diverted, resulting in harm to tenants and utility providers. It is 22 23 not intended to apply to isolated errors or good-faith disputes, but rather to conduct that reflects a pattern of intentional nonpayment, misrepresentation, or deception. The legislature 24 25 further intends for this statute to apply to both natural and juridical persons, including entities, in line with other Louisiana statutes addressing contract-based financial 26 27 misconduct."