

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 525

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILLARD, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, CARVER, DOMANGUE,  
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AND STAGNI AND SENATOR BOUIE

SEWERAGE/N O WATER BD: Provides relative to billing for services by the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:4159.3, relative to billing for water and sewer services by the New Orleans  
3 Sewerage and Water Board; to prohibit certain billing practices; to provide for an  
4 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
7 Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 33:4159.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §4159.3. Estimated billing; prohibited

11 Any bill for services submitted by the New Orleans Sewerage and Water  
12 Board to a customer shall reflect the charge for actual services provided to the  
13 customer. No customer shall receive a bill based on estimated services.

14 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 525 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board from billing customers based on estimated services.

Present law creates the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board to construct, control, maintain, and operate the public water system, the public sewerage system, and the public drainage system of the city of New Orleans. Provides for composition and powers and duties of the board.

Proposed law requires that any bill for services submitted by the board to a customer shall reflect the charge for actual services provided to the customer. Prohibits billing based on estimated services.

Effective January 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 33:4159.3)