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**CHAPTER 176 — H.F.No. 140**

*An act relating to public utilities; requiring public utilities to consider customer schedule needs when reading nonaccessible meters; proposing new law coded in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

**Section 1. [216B.075] PUBLIC UTILITY METER READING; ACCOMMODATION OF CUSTOMER SCHEDULING NEEDS.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of rule or policy to the contrary, every public utility providing natural gas or electricity at retail shall make a reasonable effort to obtain readings at least once every 18 months from nonaccessible meters. Readings shall be obtained at times that meet the needs of customer schedules. Utilities shall make a reasonable effort to provide evening and Saturday or Sunday meter reading service at no extra charge to a customer whose work or other schedule makes a business hour reading of meters a hardship. Utilities may refuse to read a customer's meter during nondaylight hours if such activity could threaten the safety of the utility meter-reading employee.

A utility may also allow a customer to self-read the customer's meter for periods of time not to exceed 18 months, provided that the customer is reminded periodically of the potentially serious financial consequences of errors in self-reading.

A utility may terminate service to a customer who refuses to allow a utility company employee access to a nonaccessible meter for a period of 18 months or more.

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**CHAPTER 177 — H.F.No. 166**

*An act relating to local government; providing for prosecution of certain gross misdemeanors; authorizing agreements between cities and counties for the prosecution of certain offenses by county attorneys; authorizing counties pursuant to agreement with cities to engage attorneys for prosecution of misdemeanors, petty misdemeanors, and violations of municipal ordinances, charters, and regulations; establishing a formula for disposition of*

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