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HOUSE AMENDMENT " A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1925, L.D. 1986, Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify the Law Concerning the Posting of Bonds by Electric Companies with the Department of Environmental Protection for Certain Licenses or Permits."

Amend the Amendment by striking out all of the last underlined paragraph before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'In the event that an electric company or companies file a notification pursuant to section 483 before they are issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity by the Public Utilities Commission, they shall file a bond or in lieu of that bond, satisfactory evidence of financial capacity to make that reimbursement with the department, payable to the department, in a sum satisfactory to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and in an amount determined by him not to exceed \$50,000, which bond or evidence of financial capacity shall be conditioned so as to require the applicant to reimburse the department for its cost incurred in processing any application in the event that the applicant does not receive a certificate of public convenience and necessity.' HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1925, L.D. 1986 -2-

## Statement of Fact

This amendment permits substitution for a surety bond of evidence of financial capacity to make reimbursement. The cost of surety bonds to electric utilities would be an unnecessary expense if the utility has sufficient assets to assure the department of reimbursement.

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