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**SYNOPSIS**

Prohibits public utilities from assessing surcharges and certain fees.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Economic Growth Committee on October 8, 2026, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning public utility fees and supplementing Title 48  
2 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. As used in this section:

8 <sup>1</sup>“Public utility” means the same as that term is defined pursuant to  
9 R.S.48:2-13.<sup>1</sup>

10 “Surcharge” means an additional amount imposed by the public  
11 utility at the time of a payment transaction that increases a charge to a  
12 public utility customer to recover the cost of the public utility’s use of  
13 third-party payment processing services.

14 <sup>1</sup>**“Public utility” means the same as that term is defined pursuant**  
15 **to R.S.48:2-13** “Surcharge” shall not include credit card processing  
16 fees<sup>1</sup>.

17 b. A public utility shall not assess:

18 (1) a surcharge to any public utility customer;

19 (2) a fee to any public utility customer who has not enrolled in  
20 automatic payments through the public utility and, instead, has elected  
21 to make one-time payments to the public utility for services rendered  
22 to that customer by the public utility; or

23 (3) a fee to any public utility customer who has not enrolled in  
24 paperless statements through the public utility <sup>1</sup>**“company”** and,  
25 instead, has elected to receive paper statements from the public utility.

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27 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **“thus”** in the above bill is  
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SEG committee amendments adopted October 8, 2026.