

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to interruption of services; amending
 3 s. 180.06, F.S.; prohibiting a municipality or private
 4 company from charging for garbage pick-up services
 5 that are not rendered within a specified period;
 6 requiring a municipality or private company to issue a
 7 credit or refund on the next regular bill; requiring
 8 payment of a fine if a credit or refund is not issued
 9 within a specified period; providing an effective
 10 date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 14 Section 1. Section 180.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 15 read:

16 180.06 Activities authorized by municipalities and private
 17 companies; garbage pick-up services.-

18 (1) Any municipality or private company organized for the
 19 purposes contained in this chapter, is authorized:

20 (a)~~(1)~~ To clean and improve street channels or other
 21 bodies of water for sanitary purposes;

22 (b)~~(2)~~ To provide means for the regulation of the flow of
 23 streams for sanitary purposes;

24 (c)~~(3)~~ To provide water and alternative water supplies,
 25 including, but not limited to, reclaimed water, and water from

26 | aquifer storage and recovery and desalination systems for
27 | domestic, municipal or industrial uses;

28 | (d)~~(4)~~ To provide for the collection and disposal of
29 | sewage, including wastewater reuse, and other liquid wastes;

30 | (e)~~(5)~~ To provide for the collection and disposal of
31 | garbage;

32 | (f)~~(6)~~ And incidental to such purposes and to enable the
33 | accomplishment of the same, to construct reservoirs, sewerage
34 | systems, trunk sewers, intercepting sewers, pumping stations,
35 | wells, siphons, intakes, pipelines, distribution systems,
36 | purification works, collection systems, treatment and disposal
37 | works;

38 | (g)~~(7)~~ To construct airports, hospitals, jails and golf
39 | courses, to maintain, operate and repair the same, and to
40 | construct and operate in addition thereto all machinery and
41 | equipment;

42 | (h)~~(8)~~ To construct, operate and maintain gas plants and
43 | distribution systems for domestic, municipal and industrial
44 | uses; and

45 | (i)~~(9)~~ To construct such other buildings and facilities as
46 | may be required to properly and economically operate and
47 | maintain said works necessary for the fulfillment of the
48 | purposes of this chapter.

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50 | However, a private company or municipality shall not construct

51 any system, work, project or utility authorized to be
52 constructed hereunder in the event that a system, work, project
53 or utility of a similar character is being actually operated by
54 a municipality or private company in the municipality or
55 territory immediately adjacent thereto, unless such municipality
56 or private company consents to such construction.

57 (2) A municipality or private company, as applicable, may
58 not charge a customer for garbage pick-up service that was not
59 provided on a normally scheduled pick-up date if the garbage
60 pick-up service is not provided within 4 calendar days after the
61 originally scheduled pick-up date. The municipality or private
62 company, as applicable, shall issue a credit or refund on the
63 customer's next regular bill to adjust on a prorated basis the
64 number of times the garbage was not picked up. A municipality or
65 private company, as applicable, that fails to provide a credit
66 or refund within 60 days from the next bill shall pay a fine to
67 each customer whose garbage pick-up was not provided as set
68 forth above, equal to 10 times the charge billed for the service
69 that was not provided.

70 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.