

SB 6261 - S AMD TO S-4849.3 **119**

By Senators Regala and Marr

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1 On page 2, line 15 strike "Before" through "tenant" on line 31 and
2 insert the following, "When the utility account for a rental property
3 is in the owner's name and a city or town has been previously notified
4 that a tenant resides at that property, the city or town shall provide
5 notice of pending disconnection of electric light or power services to
6 such tenant at least ten calendar days prior to disconnection, so that
7 the tenant has an opportunity to resolve the delinquency or dispute
8 with his or her landlord or to arrange for continued service by
9 opening his or her own utility service account. Payment of delinquent
10 amounts due on the owner's utility account at the time of such notice
11 shall be paid by the owner of the rental property and the tenant shall
12 not be required to pay the same"

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EFFECT: The provision addressing a city or town contacting a tenant when a utility account is in the landlord's name is clarified.

If a city or town has been notified that a tenant resides at the property, the city or town is provide the tenant with at least 10 days notice of a pending disconnection. The tenant is not responsible for the landlord's delinquency.

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