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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to consumer protection; establishing criteria for timely utility payments;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 216B.098, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 216B.098, is amended by adding a
1.6 subdivision to read:

1.7 Subd. 4a. **Timely payments.** A public utility using an out-of-state payment site
1.8 shall consider the date immediately following the postmark date of a payment sent in the
1.9 mail or the date of an electronic payment as an on-time payment. A public utility may
1.10 not send a disconnection notice to a residential consumer if the payment is received less
1.11 than 31 days past the due date.

1.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.