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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill ensures that owners of single metered apartment buildings may apportion utility payments among residential units or add a utility payment to each unit's rent.

- 1** Amends the section of statute regarding multiunit rental buildings with single utility meters to ensure that owners may apportion utility payments among residential units or add a utility payment to each unit's rent. Requires owners charging utilities separately from rent to have a predetermined method of apportionment which is part of the lease agreement.
- 2** **Instruction to the revisor.** Instructs the revisor of statutes to include this provision in the recodification of landlord-tenant law.
- 3** **Effective date.** Makes section 1 of the bill effective retroactively to August 1, 1995, except for the provision requiring the method of utility apportionment to be part of the lease, which is effective for leases entered into on or after August 1, 1999.