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LEGISLATIVE BILL 476

Approved by the Governor May 29, 2019

Introduced by McCollister, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to metropolitan utilities districts; to amend sections 14-2138 and 14-2139, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018; to eliminate a sunset provision relating to certain retail sales of natural gas as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 14-2138, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, is amended to read:

14-2138 The metropolitan utilities district shall pay to the city of the metropolitan class a sum equivalent to two percent of the annual gross revenue derived from all retail sales of water and gas sold by such district within such city, except that until January 1, 2020, retail sales of gas shall not include the retail sale of natural gas used as vehicular fuel. Such sum shall be paid on a quarterly basis, the last quarterly payment to be made not later than the thirtieth day of January of the next succeeding year, except that annual payments to such city shall not be less than five hundred thousand dollars. Such city shall not levy or collect any license, occupation, or excise tax upon or from such district. All payments provided by this section shall be allocated by the district among the several utilities operated by it upon such basis as the district shall determine.

Sec. 2. Section 14-2139, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, is amended to read:

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14-2139 A metropolitan utilities district shall pay to every city or village of any class, other than metropolitan, in which such district sells water or gas, or both, at retail, a sum equivalent to two percent of the annual gross revenue derived from all retail sales of water or gas, or both, sold by such district within the city or village, except that until January 1, 2020, retail sales of gas shall not include the retail sale of natural gas used as vehicular fuel. Such sums shall be paid not later than the thirtieth day of January of the next succeeding year. Such cities or villages shall not levy or collect any license, occupation, or excise tax upon or from such district. All payments provided by this section shall be allocated by the district among the several utilities operated by it upon such basis as the district shall determine.

Sec. 3. Original sections 14-2138 and 14-2139, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, are repealed.