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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6737

BILL NUMBER: SB 216

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 22, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Gas Utility Connection Charges and Deposits.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Broden

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that the amount charged by a gas utility to connect or reconnect service may not exceed actual connection or reconnection costs. It permits a gas utility to require a deposit before connecting or reconnecting service. The bill also provides that the amount of the deposit may not exceed a customer's estimated average monthly bill.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill allows the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to promulgate rules related to the utility connection and reconnection charges. The IURC could presumably implement this bill within existing levels of budget and resources.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Depending on the amount charged by a municipally owned gas utility for reconnecting service, a utility could experience a reduction in revenue if the connection or reconnection fees must be reduced.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: IURC.

Local Agencies Affected: Municipally owned gas utilities.

Information Sources:

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