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Governor Signs Bipartisan Bill Capping Energy Efficiency Costs for Consumers

SANTA FE, N.M. — A bill that protects all utility customers from paying escalating charges for energy efficiency every year has been signed by Gov. Susana Martinez.

House Bill 267, developed in bi-partisan workshops led by Public Regulation Commissioner Patrick H. Lyons (District 2), puts a 3 percent cap on what ratepayers shell out for efficiency every month, keeping costs at about what they are today.

The cost limitation also helps reduce consumer demand for energy and can reduce capacity requirements for utilities.

Lyons said he was pleased the legislation could be moved forward with consensus from lawmakers on both sides of the aisle.

“This important legislation is a great example of how partisan groups can work together to find common sense solutions that truly benefit all New Mexicans,” he said. “This will ensure energy efficiency will continue and at the same time protect customers from higher electric costs.”

HB 267 was sponsored in the legislature by Rep. James Strickler (R-San Juan).

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