

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5141

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

Mr. HARDER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stop the Rate Hikes
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONSIDERATION OF MEASURES TO CAP RETAIL**
2 **UTILITY RATE INCREASES TO ONCE A YEAR.**

3 Section 111(d) of the Public Utility Regulatory Poli-
4 cies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2621(d)) is amended by add-
5 ing at the end the following:

6 “(22) CAP ON RETAIL UTILITY RATE IN-
7 CREASES TO ONCE A YEAR.—Each electric utility
8 shall request no more than one rate increase once
9 per year.”.

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