

# Assembly signs off on bill to help individuals replace lead pipes

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The Assembly approved allowing municipalities to provide assistance to those replacing private lead service lines, but covering less of the costs than the Senate had approved.

Under the bill, which passed on a voice vote, a municipality would have to approve a resolution asking the Public Service Commission for permission to use ratepayer dollars to help replace private lead service lines. The assistance could not exceed 50 percent of the project cost.

The Senate bill sought to allow reimbursement up to two-thirds of the costs.

The amendment means the Senate would have to sign off on the bill before it could go to the gov's desk.

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