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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 660.135, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to utilicare.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 660.135, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 660.135, to read as follows:

660.135. 1. Not more than [five] **ten** million dollars from state general revenue shall be appropriated by the general assembly to the utilicare stabilization fund established pursuant to section 660.136 for the support of the utilicare program established by sections 660.100 to 660.136 for any fiscal year, except in succeeding years the amount of state funds may be increased by a percentage which reflects the national cost-of-living index or seven percent,

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2. The department of social services may, in coordination with the department of natural resources, apply a portion of the funds appropriated annually by the general assembly to the utilicare stabilization fund established pursuant to section 660.136 to the low income weatherization assistance program of the department of natural resources; provided that any project financed with such funds shall be consistent with federal guidelines for the Weatherization Assistance Program for Low-Income Persons as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 6861.

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