

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2587

## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 393, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to public utilities.

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

Section A. Chapter 393, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 393.152, to read as follows:

**393.152. 1. A public utility may require a deposit or other guarantee as a condition  
2 of new residential service only if:**

**3 (1) The customer has in an unauthorized manner interfered with or diverted the  
4 service of a utility providing the same service situated on or about or delivered to the  
5 customer's premises within the last five years; or**

**6 (2) The customer is unable to establish an acceptable credit rating under standards  
7 contained in tariffs filed with and approved by the commission. The customer shall be  
8 deemed prima facie to have established an acceptable credit rating if the customer meets  
9 any of the following criteria:**

**10 (a) Owns or is purchasing a home;**

**11 (b) Is and has been regularly employed on a full-time basis for at least one year;**

**12 (c) Has an adequate regular source of income; or**

**13 (d) Can provide adequate credit references from a commercial credit source.**

**14 2. A public utility may require a deposit or guarantee as a condition of continued  
15 residential service only if:**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended  
to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16           **(1) The service of the customer has been discontinued by the public utility for**  
17 **nonpayment of a delinquent account not in dispute; or**

18           **(2) In an unauthorized manner, the customer interfered with or diverted the service**  
19 **of the utility situated on or about or delivered to the customer's premises.**

20           **3. A deposit or other guarantee shall not be required if the customer has**  
21 **consistently paid a portion of his or her utility service bill each month and has an**  
22 **undisputed arrearage of five hundred dollars or less.**

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