

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1538

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE COLEMAN.

3580H.011

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 393, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to utility discontinuance moratoriums.

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 known as section 393.1680, to read as follows:

393.1680. 1. Discontinuance of gas and electric service to all residential users, including all residential tenants of apartment buildings, for nonpayment of bills where gas or electricity is used as the source of space heating or to control or operate the only space heating equipment is prohibited:

(1) On any day when the National Weather Service local forecast between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. for the following twenty-four hours predicts that the temperature will drop below thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit;

(2) On any day when utility personnel will not be available to reconnect utility service during the immediately succeeding day and the National Weather Service local forecast between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. predicts that the temperature during the period of unavailability will drop below thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit; or

(3) From November first through March thirty-first for any registered low-income disabled customer, provided that such customer has entered into a cold weather rule payment plan, made the initial payment required by rule, and has made and continues to make payments during the effective period that are at a minimum the lesser of fifty percent of the actual bill for usage in that billing period or the levelized payment amount agreed to in the cold weather payment plan. Such reductions in payment

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.

18 **amounts may be recovered by adjusting the customer's subsequent levelized payment**
19 **amounts for the months following March thirty-first.**

20 **2. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a utility from establishing a higher**
21 **temperature threshold below which it will not discontinue utility service.**

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