

HOUSE BILL NO. 3161

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PARKER.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 393, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to transfers of utility service under certain circumstances.

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 393.1685, to read as follows:

393.1685. 1. No public utility, as such term is defined in section 295.020, shall require additional deposits or transfer fees to transfer services to the spouse of the account holder when the account is in good standing and the account holder:

(1) Dies;

(2) Is deported; or

(3) Is incarcerated for more than sixty days.

2. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, a new deposit may be required if:

(a) The spouse has an unpaid bill within the last five years that, at the time of the transfer request, remains unpaid and is not the subject of a dispute with any public utility for the same type of service;

(b) The spouse has, in the last five years and without authorization, interfered with or diverted the service of a public utility for the same type of service; or

(c) The spouse fails to provide proof of identity, such as government-issued photo identification and Social Security number.

(2) If a new deposit is required under the provisions of this subsection, the public utility shall permit the spouse to pay the deposit in installments unless the public utility

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 **shows the spouse has previously interfered with, diverted, or used the service of the**
19 **utility without authorization.**

20 **3. A public utility may require proper documentation, such as a marriage**
21 **certificate or proof of residency, before transferring service to the spouse of the account**
22 **holder under subsection 1 of this section.**

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