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96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

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

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
2 section, to be known as section 393.152, to read as follows:

**393.152. 1. A public utility regulated under this chapter shall not
2 require a deposit or guarantee as a condition of continued residential
3 service to any existing customer who has been delinquent in paying his
4 or her utility bill at least five times in twelve consecutive months if:**

5 (1) Such customer has consistently made a payment for each
6 month during the twelve consecutive months, provided that each
7 payment is made by the delinquent date; and

8 (2) Each payment made in subdivision (1) of this subsection is at
9 least seventy-five dollars or twenty-five percent of the total outstanding
10 balance, provided that the total outstanding balance is three hundred
11 dollars or less.

12 2. This section shall not apply to any customer whose total
13 outstanding balance exceeds three hundred dollars or to any customer
14 making payments under a pay plan previously arranged with the
15 utility.

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