

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE BILL NO. 720**  
94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on Commerce, Energy and the Environment, February 7, 2008, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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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 hot weather maintenance of utility service.

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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 known as section 393.108, to read as follows:

**393.108. For purposes of this section, the hot weather rule shall mean the period of time from June first to September thirtieth, in which the 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 cooling or to operate the only cooling equipment at the residence, is prohibited in the following situations:**

(1) On any day when the National Weather Service local forecast between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. for the following twenty-four hours predicts that the temperature shall rise above ninety-five degrees Fahrenheit or that the heat index shall rise above one hundred five degrees Fahrenheit;

(2) On any day when utility personnel are not available to reconnect utility service during the immediately succeeding day or days and the National Weather Service local forecast between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. predicts that the temperature during the period of unavailability shall rise above ninety-five degrees Fahrenheit or that the heat index shall rise above one hundred five degrees Fahrenheit; and

(3) In any other applicable situations provided for in rules

21 **established and amended by the public service commission.**

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