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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 660.122, RSMo Supp. 1998, relating to energy assistance programs, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

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

Section A. Section 660.122, RSMo Supp. 1998, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 660.122, to read as follows:

660.122. Notwithstanding any other provision of sections 660.100 to 660.136 to the contrary, funds appropriated under the authority of sections 660.100 to 660.136 may be used to pay the expenses of reconnecting or maintaining service to households that have had their primary or secondary heating or cooling source disconnected or service discontinued because of their failure to pay their bill. Any qualified household or other household which has as its head a person who is elderly or disabled, as defined in section 660.100, shall be eligible for assistance under this section if the income for the household is no more than one hundred ten percent of the current federal poverty level and if moneys have been appropriated by the general assembly to the utilicare stabilization fund established pursuant to section 660.136. Payments under this section shall be made directly to the primary or secondary heating or cooling source supplier. Any primary or secondary heating or cooling source supplier subject to the supervision and regulation of the public service commission shall, at any time during the period of the cold weather rule specified in the cold weather rule as established and as amended by the public service commission, reconnect and provide services to each household eligible for assistance under this section in compliance with the terms of such cold weather rule. All home energy suppliers receiving funds under this section shall provide service to eligible households consistent with their contractual

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

agreements with the department of social services. Notwithstanding the above, the division of family services shall only utilize general revenue funds appropriated in conjunction with this chapter after such time as the division has [utilized] **obligated** all federal **emergency** funds available for the purposes enumerated above.

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