

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on Budget (Siplin) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 1105 and 1106 insert:

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Section 12. Section 717.108, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

717.108 Deposits held by utilities.-

(1) Any deposit, including any interest thereon, made by a subscriber with a utility to secure payment or any sum paid in advance for utility services to be furnished, less any lawful charges, which that remains unclaimed by the owner for more than 1 year after termination of the services for which the deposit or advance payment was made is presumed unclaimed.



(2) The unclaimed deposits shall be deposited annually into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund within the Department of Economic Opportunity to supplement funds of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program which are used to assist low-income households in meeting the costs of home heating and cooling bills. These funds shall be administered through the local provider agencies that administer the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

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Between lines 70 and 71

26 insert:

> amending s. 717.108, F.S.; requiring that any unclaimed deposits held by a utility be deposited annually into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund in the Department of Economic Opportunity to supplement funds of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program; requiring the local provider agencies that administer the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program to administer the funds;