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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to electric utility service interruptions; creating s. 768.138, F.S.; providing electric utilities with an absolute defense in certain actions for certain law enforcement assistance activities; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 768.138, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

768.138 Interruption of electric utility service by order of law enforcement; immunity.--The good faith compliance by an electric utility, as defined in s. 366.02, or the utility's personnel, to a law enforcement order to interrupt or disconnect electric service to a location for the purpose of aiding law enforcement personnel in the performance of their duties shall constitute an absolute defense for the electric utility and its personnel to any civil, criminal, or administrative action arising out of such interruption or disconnection.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

HOUSE SUMMARY

Provides civil, criminal, and administrative immunity to an electric utility or utility personnel that disconnects or interrupts electric service to assist law enforcement personnel in enforcement actions.