

By the Committee on Utilities & Telecommunications and Representatives Spratt, Kendrick, Stansel, Alexander, Kyle, Harrington, Miller, Sorensen, Bense, Goodlette, Maygarden, Jennings, Flanagan, Smith and Littlefield

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

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

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

13 768.138 Interruption of electric utility service by
14 order of law enforcement; immunity.--The good faith compliance
15 by an electric utility, as defined in s. 366.02, or the
16 utility's personnel, to a law enforcement order to interrupt
17 or disconnect electric service to a location for the purpose
18 of aiding law enforcement personnel in the performance of
19 their duties shall constitute an absolute defense for the
20 electric utility and its personnel to any civil, criminal, or
21 administrative action arising out of such interruption or
22 disconnection so long as the electric utility and its
23 personnel exercise reasonable care in their actions.

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

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