

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 a complete
5 defense in certain actions for certain law
6 enforcement assistance activities; providing an
7 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, with a law enforcement or judicial order
17 to interrupt or disconnect electric service at a location for
18 the purpose of aiding law enforcement personnel in the
19 performance of their duties constitutes an absolute defense
20 for the electric utility and its personnel to any civil,
21 criminal, or administrative action arising out of such
22 interruption or disconnection, as long as the electric utility
23 and its personnel exercise reasonable care in their actions.
24 However, this provision does not create a duty of care where
25 none existed prior to the enactment of this section.

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

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