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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to Monroe County; amending chapter 76-441,
 Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 87-454, Laws of
 Florida; extending the period within which any person who
 is 60 years of age or older or a totally and permanently
 disabled American veteran meeting low income standards may
 apply for a special lower rate, fee, rental, or other
 charge; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority is authorized
 to provide a "senior citizens' discount program" pursuant to
 section 14 of chapter 76-441, Laws of Florida, as amended, and
 currently takes applications therefore between January and March
 and the FKAA desires to extend the application period for such
 program throughout the entire year, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 14 of chapter 76-441,
 Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 87-454, Laws of Florida,
 is amended to read:

Section 14. Fees, rentals, and charges; procedure for
 adoption and modification, minimum revenue requirements.--

(2) Such rates, fees, rentals, and charges shall be just
 and equitable and, except as provided herein, uniform for users
 of the same class and, where appropriate, may be based or
 computed either upon the amount of service furnished or upon the
 number or average number of persons working or residing or
 working or otherwise occupying the premises served or upon any
 other factor affecting the use of the facilities furnished, or



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31 upon any combination of the foregoing factors as may be
32 determined by the board of directors on an equitable basis. The
33 Authority may prescribe, fix, and establish a special lower
34 rate, fee, rental, or other charge on the residential account of
35 any person who is 60 years of age or older or a totally and
36 permanently disabled American veteran on the date of
37 application, who meets the low income standards adopted by the
38 board and who applies for such special lower rate, fee, rental,
39 or other charge between the months of January and December
40 ~~March~~, inclusive, of each year. As used in this section
41 "residential account" means an account for a person residing in
42 a house, mobile home, condominium, apartment, or other housing
43 unit. The application shall include the submission of an
44 affidavit stating that the applicant is 60 years of age or older
45 or a totally and permanently disabled American veteran. The
46 submission of the affidavit shall be prima facie evidence of the
47 applicant's age or disability. The application shall also
48 include the annual income of the applicant. The Authority may
49 waive, in whole or in part, any impact fees or charges for any
50 governmental entity; any charitable, educational, religious, or
51 similar organization exempt from taxation under the provisions
52 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code; any person or entity exempt
53 from ad valorem property taxes under the laws of this state; or
54 housing defined as affordable by chapter 86-192, Laws of
55 Florida, or the rules adopted thereunder, the cost parameters of
56 which may be adjusted by the ratio of the Monroe County cost of
57 living index to the Florida average cost of living index.

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