

By Senator Siplin

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the termination of gas or electric
3 service; prohibiting any utility from terminating a
4 senior citizen's or low-income family's gas or
5 electric service for nonpayment on any day, or on the
6 following 2 calendar days, during which the National
7 Weather Service forecasts extreme temperatures in the
8 area in which the senior citizen or low-income family
9 resides; prohibiting any utility from terminating a
10 senior citizen's or low-income family's gas or
11 electric service for nonpayment on any day preceding a
12 holiday or weekend during which the National Weather
13 Service forecasts extreme temperatures in the area in
14 which the senior citizen or low-income family resides;
15 providing an effective date.

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

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19 Section 1. (1) A utility may not terminate a senior
20 citizen's or low-income family's gas or electric service, if the
21 service is the only source by which a space is cooled or heated,
22 for nonpayment of service on any day, or on the following 2
23 calendar days, during which the National Weather Service
24 forecasts that the temperature is to reach 32° Fahrenheit or
25 below or 95° Fahrenheit or above in the area in which the senior
26 citizen or low-income family resides.

27 (2) A utility may not terminate a senior citizen's or low-
28 income family's gas or electric service, if the service is the
29 only source by which a space is cooled or heated, for nonpayment

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30 of service on any day preceding a holiday or weekend during
31 which the National Weather Service forecasts that the
32 temperature is to reach 32° Fahrenheit or below or 95°
33 Fahrenheit or above in the area in which the senior citizen or
34 low-income family resides during the holiday or weekend.

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