

By Senator Siplin

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to unclaimed deposits held by
3 utilities; amending s. 717.108, F.S.; requiring that
4 any unclaimed deposits held by a utility be deposited
5 into the Energy Affordability Trust Fund within the
6 Department of Community Affairs for the purpose of
7 supplementing the Low Income Home Energy Assistance
8 Program; providing a contingent effective date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Section 717.108, Florida Statutes, is amended to
13 read:

14 717.108 Deposits held by utilities.—Any deposit, including
15 any interest thereon, made by a subscriber with a utility to
16 secure payment or any sum paid in advance for utility services
17 to be furnished, less any lawful charges, that remains unclaimed
18 by the owner for more than 1 year after termination of the
19 services for which the deposit or advance payment was made is
20 presumed unclaimed. The unclaimed deposits shall be deposited
21 into the Energy Affordability Trust Fund within the Department
22 of Community Affairs for the purpose of supplementing the Low
23 Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, if SB
25 ___ or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is
26 enacted in the same legislative session, or an extension
27 thereof, and becomes law.