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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapters 392 and 393, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to deposits required by public utilities.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapters 392 and 393, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto
2 two new sections, to be known as sections 392.512 and 393.152, to read as follows:

**392.512. A telecommunications company shall be considered a
2 public utility for the purposes of section 393.152, and as such, shall be
3 subject to the provisions of section 393.152 as applicable to the
4 provision of telecommunications service.**

**393.152. 1. A public utility shall not require a deposit or
2 guarantee as a condition of continued residential service to any
3 existing customer who has been delinquent in paying his or her utility
4 bill at least five times in twelve consecutive months if:**

**5 (1) Such customer has consistently made a payment for each
6 month during the twelve consecutive months, regardless if made by the
7 delinquent date or not; and**

**8 (2) Each payment made in subdivision (1) of this subsection is at
9 least one hundred dollars or twenty-five percent of the total amount
10 due, provided that the total amount due is four hundred dollars or less.**

**11 2. This section shall not apply to any customer whose total
12 amount due exceeds four hundred dollars or to any customer making
13 payments under a pay plan previously arranged with the utility.**

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