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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 660, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to hot weather maintenance of utility service.

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

Section A. Chapter 660, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 660.123, to read as follows:

**660.123. 1. Any primary or secondary heating or cooling source
2 supplier subject to the supervision and regulation of the public service
3 commission shall, at any time during the period of the hot weather rule
4 defined in subsection 2 of this section and in subsequent rules
5 established and amended by the public service commission, reconnect
6 and provide services to each household eligible for assistance under
7 section 660.122 in compliance with the terms of such hot weather rule.**

8 **2. For purposes of this section, the hot weather rule shall mean
9 the period of time from June 1 to September 30, in which the
10 discontinuance of gas and electric service to all residential users,
11 including all residential tenants of apartment buildings, for nonpayment
12 of bills where gas or electricity is used as the source of cooling or to
13 operate the only cooling equipment at the residence, is prohibited:**

14 **(1) On any day when the National Weather Service local forecast
15 between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. for the following twenty-four hours
16 predicts that the temperature will rise above eighty-eight degrees
17 Fahrenheit;**

18 **(2) On any day when utility personnel will not be available to
19 reconnect utility service during the immediately succeeding day and the
20 National Weather Service local forecast between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
21 predicts that the temperature will rise above eighty-eight degrees**

22 Fahrenheit; and

23 (3) On any other applicable situations provided for in rules

24 established and amended by the public service commission.

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