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HOUSE BILL NO. 83

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CURTMAN.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 393, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to adjusted payment schedules made to a utility.

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

Section A. Chapter 393, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 393.1175, to read as follows:

**393.1175. 1. Every utility, which includes gas, water, electric, and sewer
2 corporations, shall offer residential customers on a fixed income the opportunity to pay
3 their utility bills on a reasonable schedule that is adjusted for such customers' periodic
4 receipt of income without such customers incurring late payment charges; provided,
5 however, that any such offer may prescribe a late payment charge where payment is not
6 made within thirty days of the scheduled due date.**

**7 2. As used in this section, "customers on a fixed income" means the customers main
8 source of income is from Social Security benefits, supplemental security income, disability
9 payments, or other financial aid through government-sponsored assistance programs.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.