

**UTILITY COSTS OF DEPLOYED**

**SERVICEMEMBERS**

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Stephen E. Sandstrom**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill provides for the payment or waiver of utility charges for deployed servicemembers.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines terms;
- provides for payment of deployed servicemembers' utility charges by the Division of Veterans' Affairs; and
- provides for the waiver of deployed servicemembers' utility charges by a county or municipality.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**71-12-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**71-12-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**71-12-201**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



28           **71-12-202**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

30   *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

31           Section 1. Section **71-12-101** is enacted to read:

32           **CHAPTER 12. UTILITY PAYMENTS FOR DEPLOYED SERVICEMEMBERS ACT**

33                           **Part 1. General Provisions**

34           **71-12-101. Title.**

35           This chapter is known as the "Utility Payments for Deployed Servicemembers Act."

36           Section 2. Section **71-12-102** is enacted to read:

37           **71-12-102. Definitions.**

38           As used in this chapter:

39           (1) "Deployed servicemember" means a member of the military reserve or Utah  
40 National Guard who is generally not a full-time servicemember but is called into active  
41 full-time service of the United States.

42           (2) "Military reserve" means the military reserve forces of the United States, regardless  
43 of military branch.

44           (3) "Utah National Guard" means the National Guard created in Title 39, Militia and  
45 Armories.

46           (4) "Utility charges" means periodic charges for the use of utilities servicing a deployed  
47 servicemember's residence, including:

48           (a) natural gas;

49           (b) electricity;

50           (c) water;

51           (d) sewerage; and

52           (e) garbage.

53           Section 3. Section **71-12-201** is enacted to read:

54                           **Part 2. Servicemembers' Utility Charges**

55           **71-12-201. Payment of utility charges for deployed servicemembers.**

56           (1) The Division of Veterans' Affairs shall pay utility charges for a deployed  
57 servicemember during the period of time for which the servicemember is deployed.

58           (2) Payments under this section shall be made only for utility charges not waived under

59 Section 71-12-202.

60 Section 4. Section **71-12-202** is enacted to read:

61 **71-12-202.** **Waiver of municipal utility charges for deployed servicemembers.**

62 Except for utility charges for electricity, a county or municipality shall waive utility  
63 charges for a deployed servicemember during the period of time for which the servicemember  
64 is deployed.

65 Section 5. **Effective date.**

66 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.

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