

HOUSE BILL 175

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS; ALLOWING FOR THE SUSPENSION OF
SOME OR ALL MUNICIPAL SERVICES, CABLE TELEVISION, PUBLIC
UTILITIES AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROVIDED BY PERSONS
WHOSE TARIFFS ARE REGULATED BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR THE PUBLIC
REGULATION COMMISSION WHEN A RESIDENT IS DEPLOYED OR
TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED; REQUIRING RECONNECTION OR NEW CONNECTION
WITHOUT CHARGE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

**SECTION 1. MILITARY DEPLOYMENT--MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND
UTILITIES DISCONTINUED.--**

A. When a resident is a member of a branch of the
United States armed forces, the reserves or the New Mexico
national guard and is deployed or on temporary duty assignment
outside the resident's community, the resident may suspend some

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1 or all municipal services, cable television, public utilities
2 or telecommunications services provided by persons whose
3 tariffs are regulated by the municipality or the public
4 regulation commission for the home of the resident without a
5 penalty. The resident shall certify to the municipality or
6 utility that:

7 (1) the resident has orders to deploy or to be
8 temporarily assigned outside the resident's community;

9 (2) the service is in the resident's name;

10 (3) the resident owns the home or has a lease
11 that does not preclude suspension of municipal services or
12 utilities; and

13 (4) family members or other persons will not
14 be staying in the home during the time the resident is deployed
15 or temporarily assigned.

16 B. The resident may reconnect the suspended
17 municipal services, cable television, public utilities or
18 telecommunications services without having to pay a
19 reconnection fee. Except for new equipment or installation of
20 equipment, the resident may establish new service at a new
21 address without paying a connection fee.