

1 SENATE BILL 574

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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10 AN ACT

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

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

20 SECTION 1. MILITARY DEPLOYMENT--MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND
21 UTILITIES DISCONTINUED.--

22 A. When a resident is a member of a branch of the
23 United States armed forces, the reserves or the New Mexico
24 national guard and is deployed or on temporary duty assignment
25 outside the resident's community for more than thirty days, the

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1 resident may suspend some or all municipal services, cable
2 television, public utilities or telecommunications services
3 provided by persons whose tariffs are regulated by the
4 municipality or the public regulation commission for the home
5 of the resident without a penalty. The resident shall certify
6 to the municipality or other service provider 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. Upon return from deployment or temporary duty
17 assignment, the resident shall be allowed to reconnect the
18 suspended municipal services, cable television, public
19 utilities or telecommunications services without having to pay
20 a reconnection fee. Except for new equipment or installation
21 of equipment, the resident may establish new service at a new
22 address without paying a connection fee.