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SYNOPSIS

Requires public utility to charge veterans' organization residential rate for service delivered to property at which veterans' organization primarily operates.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning public utility service rates and supplementing
2 Title 48 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. As used in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
8 Legislature as this bill):

9 "Armed forces" means the air, land, and sea forces established by
10 State or federal law.

11 "Public utility" shall have the same meaning as provided in
12 R.S.48:2-13.

13 "Veterans' organization" means an organization dedicated to
14 serving the needs of veterans of the armed forces that: is chartered
15 under federal law, qualifies as a tax exempt organization under
16 subsection (c) of section 501 of the federal Internal Revenue Code
17 of 1986, 26 U.S.C. s.501, or that is organized as a corporation under
18 the "New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation Act," N.J.S.15A:1-1 et seq.

19 b. Notwithstanding any law, rule, regulation, or order to the
20 contrary, a public utility shall charge a veterans' organization a
21 residential rate for service delivered to the property at which the
22 veterans' organization primarily operates, if the residential rate is
23 lower than the commercial rate for service at that property.

24 c. A public utility, in consultation with the Board of Public
25 Utilities, shall establish a reasonable procedure by which an
26 organization may certify itself as a veterans' organization with the
27 public utility for the purposes of subsection b. of this section.

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately

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STATEMENT

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34 This bill requires a public utility to charge a veterans'
35 organization a residential rate for service delivered to the property
36 at which the veterans' organization primarily operates, if the
37 residential rate is lower than the commercial rate for service at that
38 property. Under the bill, a public utility, in consultation with the
39 New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, is to establish a reasonable
40 procedure by which an organization may certify itself as a veterans'
41 organization with the public utility for the purposes of this bill.