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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

As reported by the Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee on February 12, 2018, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/26/2018)

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 ¹paragraph (19) of subsection (c) of section 501 of the federal Internal
17 Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. s.501 ¹(c)(19)¹, or that is organized
18 as a corporation under the "New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation Act,"
19 N.J.S.15A:1-1 et seq.
20 b. Notwithstanding any law, rule, regulation, or order to the
21 contrary, a public utility shall charge a veterans' organization a
22 residential rate for service delivered to the property at which the
23 veterans' organization primarily operates, if the residential rate is
24 lower than the commercial rate for service at that property.
25 c. A public utility, in consultation with the Board of Public
26 Utilities, shall establish a reasonable procedure by which an
27 organization may certify itself as a veterans' organization with the
28 public utility for the purposes of subsection b. of this section.
29
30 2. This act shall take effect immediately

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AMV committee amendments adopted February 12, 2018.