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AN ACT

RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS; ALLOWING FOR THE SUSPENSION OF
SOME OR ALL MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY SERVICES, PUBLIC UTILITIES
AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROVIDED BY PERSONS WHOSE
RATES ARE REGULATED BY THE MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY 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 OR COUNTY
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 for more than
thirty days, the resident may suspend some or all municipal
or county services, public utilities or telecommunications
services provided by persons whose rates are regulated by the
municipality, the county or the public regulation commission
for the home of the resident without a penalty. The resident
shall certify to the municipality, county or other service
providers that:

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

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

2 (3) the resident owns the home or has a
3 lease that does not preclude suspension of municipal or
4 county services or utilities; and

5 (4) family members or other persons will not
6 be staying in the home during the time the resident is
7 deployed or temporarily assigned.

8 B. Upon return from deployment or temporary duty
9 assignment, the resident shall be allowed to reconnect the
10 suspended municipal or county services, public utilities or
11 telecommunications services without having to pay a
12 reconnection fee. Except for new equipment or installation of
13 equipment, the resident may establish new service at a new
14 address without paying a connection fee. _____

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