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Bill Summary

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Overview

Section

- 1 Utility Payment Arrangements.** Prohibits municipal utilities, cooperative electrical associations or public utilities from disconnecting the service of a residential customer if a member of the household has been issued orders into active duty, for deployment, or for a permanent change in duty station under certain circumstances.
- 2 Cancellation of Wireless Contracts Without Penalty.** Allows a service member who has been issued orders into active duty, for deployment, or for a permanent change of duty station, or the spouse of the service member, to terminate a wireless service contract without penalty under certain circumstances. "Service member" includes any business entity wholly owned by the service member or service member's spouse.
- 3 Cancellation of Rental, Club, Service, and Membership Travel Contracts Without Penalty.** Allows the above contracts to be cancelled without penalty if the contract was executed by or on behalf of a person who was issued orders into active duty, for deployment, or after a permanent change of duty station that results in it being impractical for the person to enjoy the benefits of the contract. "Service member" includes any business entity wholly owned by the service member or the member's spouse. The bill also applies the rights and protections of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to any business wholly owned by the service member or the service member's spouse.
- 4 Enforcement.** Provides for the state attorney general and public utilities commission to enforce the appropriate provisions of the bill.