

SENATE BILL 2768
By Cooper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65,
relative to payment of fuel bills.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 33, is amended by adding the following language as a new part:

§65-33-201.

As used in this part, unless the context otherwise requires, "disabled" means any person eighteen (18) years of age or older who has been determined by a court to be in need of partial or full supervision, protection or assistance by reason of mental illness, physical illness or injury, developmental disability or other mental or physical incapacity; or any person who is eligible for disabled drivers' license plates or placards pursuant to title 55, chapter 21, part 1.

§65-33-202.

Each utility company or service, serving residential customers, providing electricity, natural gas, or other fuel to consumers in Tennessee shall provide a method to grant a grace period of twenty (20) additional days to pay fuel bills from December 1 through March 1 beyond that period otherwise required during the rest of the year for its customers who are sixty five (65) years of age or older or who are disabled before such customers are considered delinquent.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.