

House Bill No. 431

An act relating to Monroe County; amending chapter 76-441, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 87-454, Laws of Florida; extending the period within which any person who is 60 years of age or older or a totally and permanently disabled American veteran meeting low income standards may apply for a special lower rate, fee, rental, or other charge; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority is authorized to provide a “senior citizens’ discount program” pursuant to section 14 of chapter 76-441, Laws of Florida, as amended, and currently takes applications therefor between January and March and the FCAA desires to extend the application period for such program throughout the entire year, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 14 of chapter 76-441, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 87-454, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 14. Fees, rentals, and charges; procedure for adoption and modification, minimum revenue requirements.—

(2) Such rates, fees, rentals, and charges shall be just and equitable and, except as provided herein, uniform for users of the same class and, where appropriate, may be based or computed either upon the amount of service furnished or upon the number or average number of persons working or residing or working or otherwise occupying the premises served or upon any other factor affecting the use of the facilities furnished, or upon any combination of the foregoing factors as may be determined by the board of directors on an equitable basis. The Authority may prescribe, fix, and establish a special lower rate, fee, rental, or other charge on the residential account of any person who is 60 years of age or older or a totally and permanently disabled American veteran on the date of application, who meets the low income standards adopted by the board and who applies for such special lower rate, fee, rental, or other charge between the months of January and ~~December~~ March, inclusive, of each year. As used in this section “residential account” means an account for a person residing in a house, mobile home, condominium, apartment, or other housing unit. The application shall include the submission of an affidavit stating that the applicant is 60 years of age or older or a totally and permanently disabled American veteran. The submission of the affidavit shall be prima facie evidence of the applicant’s age or disability. The application shall also include the annual income of the applicant. The Authority may waive, in whole or in part, any impact fees or charges for any governmental entity; any charitable, educational, religious, or similar organization exempt from taxation under the provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code; any person or entity exempt from ad valorem property taxes under the laws of this state; or housing defined as affordable by chapter 86-192, Laws of Florida, or the rules adopted thereunder, the cost

parameters of which may be adjusted by the ratio of the Monroe County cost of living index to the Florida average cost of living index.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 10, 2003.

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