

HOUSE BILL No. 4286

February 11, 1997, Introduced by Rep. Willard and referred to the Committee on Marine Affairs and Port Development.

A bill to amend 1921 PA 246, entitled
"An act to regulate the service, rates, fares and charges of carriers by water within this state,"
(MCL 460.201 to 460.206) by adding section 7.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 7. (1) IF A CARRIER BY WATER REGULATED BY THIS ACT
2 DISCONTINUES SERVICE TO AN AREA THAT IS DEPENDENT ON THE REGU-
3 LATED SERVICE FOR TRANSPORTATION OF FREIGHT, PASSENGERS, OR
4 EXPRESS, THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION SHALL DECLARE THE
5 AREA TO BE IN A STATE OF TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY.

6 (2) IF A STATE OF TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY IS DECLARED UNDER
7 SUBSECTION (1), THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPL-
8 MENT AN EMERGENCY SERVICE PROGRAM TO ENSURE THAT THE AREA CONTIN-
9 UES TO RECEIVE CARRIER SERVICE.

1 (3) THE EMERGENCY SERVICE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED UNDER
2 SUBSECTION (2) SHALL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO THE AREA
3 UNTIL AN ALTERNATIVE CARRIER PROVIDER IS ESTABLISHED.