

# HOUSE BILL No. 4046

January 27, 1999, Introduced by Reps. Brewer, Quarles, Kelly and Frank and referred to the Committee on House Oversight and Operations.

A bill to prohibit the use of the name of a state agency or a name similar to the name of a state agency without fair compensation; and to provide penalties.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2       (a) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,  
3 association, governmental entity, society, or other legal  
4 entity.

5       (b) "State agency" means a department, board, commission,  
6 office, agency, authority, or other unit of state government.

7       Sec. 2. (1) A person shall not without fair compensation  
8 assume, adopt, or use any of the following in the conduct of its  
9 business or other activities:

10       (a) The name of a state agency.

1           (b) A name that so nearly resembles the name of a state  
2 agency as to be an imitation of that name.

3           (c) A name that conveys the false impression that the  
4 person's business, products, services, or activities are con-  
5 nected with or endorsed, authorized, or approved by a state  
6 agency.

7           (2) Subsection (1) does not apply if a state agency gives  
8 written permission to use its name without fair compensation.