

HOUSE BILL No. 5670

February 9, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Proos, David Law, Marleau, LaJoy, Stahl, Green,
Kahn and Jones and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to require departments and regulatory agencies of this state to acknowledge timely receipt of information requests submitted by mail as the postmark date; and to provide for rule-making authority.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "postmark acknowledgment act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Information submission" means information required to be
5 submitted by a regulated person to a regulatory agency through use
6 of the United States postal service.

1 (b) "Regulated person" means an individual or legal entity
2 subject to the authority of a regulatory agency.

3 (c) "Regulatory agency" means a department, bureau, or agency
4 of this state that has statutory regulatory authority over
5 activities of an individual, business, profession, or industry.

6 Sec. 3. Except as otherwise provided for by law or as
7 otherwise required by a rule promulgated before the effective date
8 of this act, a regulatory agency shall accept and acknowledge the
9 postmark date as the date of receipt of an information submission
10 made by a regulated person.

11 Sec. 4. Except as otherwise provided for by law, a regulatory
12 agency may promulgate rules or amend existing rules under the
13 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to
14 24.328, to implement this act.

15 Sec. 5. This act takes effect October 1, 2006.