

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4662**

A bill to amend 1939 PA 3, entitled

"An act to provide for the regulation and control of public and certain private utilities and other services affected with a public interest within this state; to provide for alternative energy suppliers; to provide for licensing; to include municipally owned utilities and other providers of energy under certain provisions of this act; to create a public service commission and to prescribe and define its powers and duties; to abolish the Michigan public utilities commission and to confer the powers and duties vested by law on the public service commission; to provide for the continuance, transfer, and completion of certain matters and proceedings; to abolish automatic adjustment clauses; to prohibit certain rate increases without notice and hearing; to qualify residential energy conservation programs permitted under state law for certain federal exemption; to create a fund; to provide for a restructuring of the manner in which energy is provided in this state; to encourage the utilization of resource recovery facilities; to prohibit certain acts and practices of providers of energy; to allow for the securitization of stranded costs; to reduce rates; to provide for appeals; to provide appropriations; to declare the effect and purpose of this act; to prescribe remedies and penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

(MCL 460.1 to 460.11) by adding section 9j.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 9J. (1) A PROVIDER SHALL SUPPLY INFORMATION REGARDING THE
2 FOLLOWING TO ITS CUSTOMERS AT LEAST 2 TIMES A YEAR:

3 (A) THE FEDERAL AND STATE ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS THAT ARE
4 AVAILABLE AND THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAMS AS
5 PROVIDED TO THE PROVIDER BY THE COMMISSION.

6 (B) MEDICAL EMERGENCY PROTECTIONS.

7 (C) MILITARY SHUT-OFF PROTECTIONS.

8 (D) LOW-INCOME PROTECTIONS.

9 (E) SENIOR CITIZEN PROTECTIONS.

10 (2) THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) MAY BE
11 SUPPLIED IN OR ON A CUSTOMER'S BILL, IN A BILL INSERT, IN A
12 NEWSLETTER ISSUED TO ITS CUSTOMERS, A PUBLIC FORUM, NEWSPAPER
13 ANNOUNCEMENT, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION, OR, FOR A COOPERATIVE
14 ELECTRIC UTILITY, IN A PERIODICAL ISSUED BY AN ASSOCIATION OF RURAL
15 ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES.

16 (3) THE INFORMATION UNDER SUBSECTION (1) MAY BE TRANSMITTED IN
17 THE SAME MANNER AS THE CUSTOMER'S BILLING. THE COMMISSION MAY
18 SUPPLEMENT THE METHODS OF PROVIDING THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER
19 SUBSECTION (1).

20 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "PROVIDER" MEANS AN ELECTRIC
21 UTILITY, MUNICIPALLY OWNED ELECTRIC OR NATURAL GAS UTILITY,
22 COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC UTILITY, OR ALTERNATIVE ELECTRIC SUPPLIER, OR
23 A NATURAL GAS UTILITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 9.