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CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

House Bill 4204

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Committee: Consumers

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4204 AS INTRODUCED 2-10-93

The Consumer Protection Act (Public Act 331 of 1976) focuses on trade in goods and services provided for household use. The act provides certain exemptions to its provisions, including unlawful practices under certain other state laws (Chapter 20 of the Insurance Code, the Banking Code, the public service commission act, the Motor Carrier Act, the nonprofit medical care corporations act, the nonprofit hospital service corporations act, the Health Maintenance Organization Act, and the nonprofit dental care corporations act). In addition, the act allows the Public Service Commission (PSC) to investigate public utilities under the public service commission act (Public Act 3 of 1939) and under the Motor Carrier Act (Public Act 254 of 1933).

The bill would amend the act to allow the PSC to investigate, in addition, actions of public utilities subject to the Michigan Telecommunications Act (Public Act 179 of 1991) for alleged unfair practices. It also would delete, in the exemptions section, references to three acts that have been repealed (Public Act 350 of 1980 [the Blue Cross and Blue Shield act] repealed the Nonprofit Medical Care Corporations Act and the Nonprofit Hospital Service Corporations Act, while the revised Public Health Code [Public Act 368 of 1978] repealed the Health Maintenance Organizations Act).

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