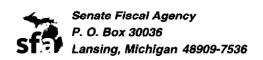
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Senate Bill 1208 (as reported without amendment)

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 246 of 1921, which regulates the service, rates, fares, and charges of ferryboats, to prohibit a carrier by water regulated under the Act from discontinuing a regulated service unless one or more alternative carriers were furnishing the same service at the same location.

A carrier proposing to discontinue a regulated service would have to file a notice of the discontinuation with the Michigan Public Service Commission (PSC), publish the notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the service area, and provide other reasonable notice as required by the PSC. Within 30 days after the date of publication of the notice, a person affected by the discontinuation of service could apply to the PSC for a hearing, or the PSC could hold a hearing on its own motion, to determine whether the discontinuation of service was permitted under the Act.

Proposed MCL 460.207

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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