



# SENATE BILL No. 1208

November 7, 1996, Introduced by Senator DE GROW and referred to the Committee on Technology and Energy.

A bill to amend Act No. 246 of the Public Acts of 1921, entitled

"An act to regulate the service, rates, fares and charges of carriers by water within this state,"

being sections 460.201 to 460.206 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, by adding section 7.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Act No. 246 of the Public Acts of 1921, being  
2 sections 460.201 to 460.206 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is  
3 amended by adding section 7 to read as follows:

4 SEC. 7. (1) A CARRIER BY WATER REGULATED BY THIS ACT SHALL  
5 NOT DISCONTINUE A REGULATED SERVICE UNLESS 1 OR MORE ALTERNATIVE  
6 CARRIERS ARE FURNISHING THE SAME SERVICE AT THE SAME LOCATION.

7 (2) A CARRIER BY WATER PROPOSING TO DISCONTINUE A REGULATED  
8 SERVICE SHALL FILE A NOTICE OF THE DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE WITH

1 THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, PUBLISH THE NOTICE IN A  
2 NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA, AND  
3 PROVIDE OTHER REASONABLE NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION.

4 (3) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE  
5 NOTICE REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2), A PERSON AFFECTED BY A DISCON-  
6 TINUANCE OF SERVICE MAY APPLY TO THE COMMISSION FOR A HEARING OR  
7 THE COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION MAY HOLD A HEARING TO DETERMINE  
8 IF THE DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE IS PERMITTED UNDER THIS ACT.