



# HOUSE BILL No. 6037

September 28, 2000, Introduced by Reps. Cassis, Birkholz, Gosselin, Toy, Kowall and Richardville and referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 3, entitled

"An act to provide for the regulation and control of public 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 460.10cc) by adding section 9.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 9. (1) IF NATURAL GAS SERVICE IS DISRUPTED IN A  
2 CLEARLY DEFINED AREA AFFECTING RESIDENTS OR BUSINESSES ANYWHERE  
3 WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA OF A NATURAL GAS UTILITY OR NATURAL GAS  
4 SUPPLIER FOR A PERIOD OF 12 CONSECUTIVE HOURS OR MORE, THE UTIL-  
5 ITY OR SUPPLIER SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-  
6 ING ENTITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SERVICE AREA OF THE DISRUPTION  
7 AND THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE CUSTOMERS WITHOUT SERVICE:

8        (A) THE 9-1-1 SERVICE RESPONSE AUTHORITY.

9        (B) THE POLICE OR SHERIFF DEPARTMENT.

10       (C) THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

11       (D) THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNING  
12 UNIT.

13       (E) THE CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNING  
14 UNIT.

15       (2) IF AFTER NOTICE AND HEARING THE COMMISSION FINDS A UTIL-  
16 ITY OR SUPPLIER HAS VIOLATED THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL  
17 ORDER THE UTILITY OR SUPPLIER TO PAY A FINE FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE  
18 OF NOT LESS THAN \$1,000.00 OR MORE THAN \$20,000.00 PER DAY THAT  
19 THE UTILITY OR SUPPLIER IS IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, AND FOR  
20 EACH SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$2,000.00 OR  
21 MORE THAN \$40,000.00 PER DAY.

22       (3) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "NATURAL GAS UTILITY"  
23 OR "UTILITY" INCLUDES A MUNICIPALLY OWNED UTILITY.