

SENATE BILL NO. 131

January 27, 1999, Introduced by Senator HART and referred to the Committee on Technology and Energy.

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 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 therein 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 rate increases without notice and hearing; to qualify residential energy conservation programs permitted under state law for certain federal exemption; to provide for a restructuring of rates for certain utilities; to encourage the utilization of resource recovery facilities; to provide for appeals; to provide appropriations; to declare the effect of this act; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal all acts contrary to this act,"

(MCL 460.1 to 460.8) by adding section 6q.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 SEC. 6Q. IF AN ELECTRIC UTILITY PROVIDES A RESIDENTIAL
- 2 ELECTRIC RATE DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, THAT PROGRAM
- 3 SHALL NOT ESTABLISH VARIABLE RATES THAT REQUIRE A PARTICIPATING

1 SENIOR CITIZEN TO PAY A HIGHER RATE FOR SERVICE THAT EXCEEDS A
2 DESIGNATED AMOUNT OF ELECTRIC SERVICE.