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**NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR
ALTERNATIVE ELECTRIC
SUPPLIERS**

House Bill 5003

Sponsor: Rep. Patricia Birkholz

Committee: Energy and Technology

Complete to 9-20-01

A REVISED SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5003 AS INTRODUCED 7-10-01

Public Act 3 of 1939 establishes the powers and duties of the Public Service Commission and sets forth requirements for alternative energy suppliers, among other things. The act requires any person engaged in the business of an alternative electric supplier in the state to obtain and maintain a license issued by the commission. Currently, an applicant for a license must provide information regarding the applicant's safety record, history of service quality and reliability and technical ability, in addition to other information required by the commission. Moreover, the applicant must demonstrate that employees or contractors who will be installing, operating, and maintaining generation or transmission facilities have the requisite knowledge, skills, and competence to perform their functions safely, responsibly, and reliably.

House Bill 5003 would amend the act (MCL 460.10q) to require further that the applicant notify the commission, prior to soliciting customers, of the local units—i.e., cities, villages, and townships—to which the alternative electric supplier intended to provide service. The commission would post this information on its web site. If requested by a local unit, the commission would, on a semiannual basis, provide written notice of any alternative electric supplier that had intended to provide service to that unit. These changes would not apply after January 1, 2004.

House Bill 5003 (9-20-01)

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