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PUBLICATION OF MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

House Bill 4326

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4326 AS INTRODUCED 3-12-03

The Administrative Procedures Act requires the Office of Regulatory Reform to publish the Michigan Register, the Michigan Administrative Code, and the annual supplement to the Michigan Administrative Code. The act requires the office to publish a sufficient number of copies of these items so that the Department of Management and Budget may provide copies to each member of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and to hold additional copies for sale for a price set to cover publication and distribution costs. The act also provides that a person may subscribe to these publications by paying a subscription price that covers publication and distribution costs. Public Act 262 of 1999 required the office to make the code and the annual supplements available free of charge on the Internet and in printed or other electronic format for public subscription at a fee reasonably calculated to cover publication and distribution costs.

House Bill 4326 would amend these provisions to require the Office of Regulatory Reform to publish the Michigan Administrative Code, the annual supplement to the Michigan Administrative Code, and the Michigan Register in electronic format, rather than a printed format, and delete the requirements to distribute copies to legislators. It would specify that the official Michigan Administrative Code would be that version published or made available on the Office of Regulatory Reform's Internet web site free of charge. The bill would specify that a person could subscribe to these publications in printed format if the ORR makes printed copies available.

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