SENATE BILL No. 419

April 26, 2005, Introduced by Senator ALLEN and referred to the Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform.

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,"

by amending section 6 (MCL 460.6), as amended by 1993 PA 355.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 6. The public service commission is vested with complete
- 2 power and jurisdiction to regulate all public utilities in the
- 3 state except a municipally owned utility, the owner of a renewable
- 4 resource power production facility as provided in section 6d, and
- 5 except as otherwise restricted by law. The public service
- 6 commission is vested with the power and jurisdiction to regulate
- 7 all rates, fares, fees, charges, services, rules, conditions of
- 8 service, and all other matters pertaining to the formation,
- 9 operation, or direction of public utilities. The public service
- 10 commission is further granted the power and jurisdiction to hear
- 11 and pass upon all matters pertaining to, necessary, or incident to
- 12 the regulation of public utilities, including electric light and
- 13 power companies, whether private, corporate, or cooperative; water,
- 14 telegraph, oil, gas, and pipeline companies; motor carriers;
- 15 PRIVATE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES; and all public
- 16 transportation and communication agencies other than railroads and
- 17 railroad companies.