

Legislative Analysis



REGULATED UTILITIES, AESs, & MUNICIPAL UTILITIES: INCLUDE PHONE NUMBERS WITH SHUTOFF NOTICES

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House Bill 4385 (Substitute H-1)
Sponsor: Rep. Tim Moore
Committee: Energy and Technology

Complete to 3-31-09

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4385 AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE 3-26-09

The bill would add Section 9e to the Public Service Commission Law to require a provider (defined in this bill *as an electric utility, municipally-owned electric or natural gas utility, cooperative electric utility, alternative electric supplier, or an investor-owned, rate-regulated natural gas utility*) to include with or on any shut-off notice the telephone number of (1) the Department of Human Services energy assistance line or (2) an operable 2-1-1 system.

MCL 460.9e

FISCAL IMPACT:

A fiscal analysis is in process.

POSITIONS:

The Public Service Commission testified in support of the entire shutoff protection package of bills. (3-24-09)

The Attorney General indicated support of the entire package. (3-26-09)

The Department of Human Services indicated support of the entire package. (3-26-09)

ACORN (Michigan) indicated support of the entire package. (3-24-09)

The Center for Civil Justice indicated support of the entire package. (3-24-09)

Clean Water Action testified in support of the entire package, and submitted a letter of support dated 3-24-09, but would also like to see shutoff protections during hot summer weather and a ban on foreclosures due to non-payment of utility bills. (3-24-09)

Consumers Energy indicated support of the entire package. (3-24-09)

DTE Energy indicated support of the entire package. (3-26-09)

Elder Law of Michigan indicated support of the entire package. (3-24-09)

Indiana Michigan Power indicated support of the entire package. (3-26-09)

Michigan Advocacy Project indicated support of the entire package. (3-24-09)

The Michigan Catholic Conference indicated support of the entire package. (3-24-09)

The Michigan Electric Cooperative Association indicated support of the entire package. (3-24-09)

The Michigan Electric and Gas Association indicated support of the entire package. (3-26-09)

Michigan Citizen Action indicated support of the entire package. (3-24-09)

The Michigan Municipal Electric Association testified in support of the entire package. (3-26-09)

SEMCO Energy indicated support of the entire package. (3-26-09)

The AARP opposes House Bill 4390 and House Bill 4392, but is supportive of the rest of the package, including this bill. (3-24-09)

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