Legislative Analysis

BAN ELECTRIC SERVICE LIMITERS
UNTIL UNIFORM STANDARDS ARE ISSUED

House Bill 4390 (Proposed Substitute H-1)
Sponsor: Rep. Jeff Mayes
Committee: Energy and Technology

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4390 (Proposed Substitute H-1)

House Bill 4390 would add a new Section 6t to Public Act 3 of 1939 to prohibit electric providers (electric utilities, municipally-owned electric utilities, cooperative electric utilities, and alternative electric suppliers) from using an "electric service limiter" or "advanced meter" (to the extent the advanced meter is used as an electric service limiter) until the Public Service Commission (PSC) issues a temporary order establishing uniform standards for the use of electric service limiting devices. The PSC would have to issue its temporary order by October 1, 2009 and promulgate final rules within one year of the bill's effective date.

"Electric service limiter" would mean "an electric meter or device used in conjunction with an electric meter that automatically interrupts all electric service to customer without intervening direction from the electric provider when a utility-imposed peak usage limit is exceeded."

"Advanced meter" would mean an electric meter that does one or more of the following: (1) measures and records usage data in terms of hourly or other time intervals; (2) allows electric consumers and providers to participate in price-based demand response programs, including remote service switch capability activated by intervening provider direction; (3) provides other data and functionality concerning power quality and other electric service issues.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

A fiscal analysis is in process.

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