

HOUSE BILL No. 4658

March 19, 2009, Introduced by Rep. Neumann and referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 3, entitled

"An act to provide for the regulation and control of public and certain private 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,"

(MCL 460.1 to 460.11) by adding section 90.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 90. (1) A PROVIDER SHALL MAKE ONGOING EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY
2 SENIOR CITIZEN CUSTOMERS BY AT LEAST 1 OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

3 (A) CONDUCT CUSTOMER INTERVIEWS OR CONSUMER REPORTING SERVICE.

4 (B) OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM A CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY OR
5 CONSUMER REPORTING SERVICE.

6 (C) A PERSONAL OR AUTOMATED TELEPHONE CALL WHERE DIRECT
7 CONTACT IS MADE WITH A MEMBER OF THE CUSTOMER'S HOUSEHOLD OR A
8 MESSAGE IS RECORDED ON AN ANSWERING MACHINE OR VOICE MAIL.

9 (D) FIRST-CLASS MAIL.

10 (E) A PERSONAL VISIT TO THE CUSTOMER.

11 (F) A WRITTEN NOTICE LEFT AT OR ON THE CUSTOMER'S DOOR.

12 (G) ANY OTHER METHOD APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION.

13 (2) A PROVIDER SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED IN
14 SUBSECTION (1) BY NOVEMBER 1, 2009. THE PROVIDER'S GOVERNING BODY
15 MAY GRANT AN EXTENSION TO A PROVIDER FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SUBSECTION
16 (1).

17 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

18 (A) "CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN
19 SECTION 603 OF THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT, 15 USC 1681A.

20 (B) "PROVIDER" MEANS A MUNICIPALLY OWNED UTILITY.

21 (C) "SENIOR CITIZEN" MEANS A PROVIDER CUSTOMER WHO IS 65 YEARS
22 OF AGE OR OLDER.