

HOUSE BILL No. 4121

January 31, 2017, Introduced by Reps. Chang, Zemke, Sneller, Hammoud, LaGrand, Moss, Sowerby, Faris, Guerra, Wittenberg, Pagan, Love, Santana, Greig, Neeley, Green, Elder, Geiss, Inman, Howrylak, Hoadley, Scott, Rabhi, Lucido, Kesto, Chirkun, Hertel, Yanez and Schor and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

A bill to prescribe the powers and duties of certain providers of water and sewerage service in this state; and to require providers of water and sewerage service in this state to file certain reports with the department of health and human services.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Department" means the department of health and human
3 services.

4 (b) "Emergency medical condition" means a certified medical
5 condition that requires an immediate need for water.

6 (c) "Provider" means any water and sewerage system that
7 provides water and sewerage service in this state.

8 (d) "Senior citizen" means an individual who is 62 years of
9 age or older.

1 Sec. 2. A provider shall by April 1 of each year file with the
2 department an annual report setting forth all of the following
3 information for the previous calendar year:

4 (a) A list of the categories of rate payers and exempt users
5 of the provider, including commercial, residential, nonprofit, and
6 exempt users.

7 (b) The rates charged for water, sewerage, and storm water
8 service by that provider, broken down by categories of rate payer.

9 (c) The average monthly bill for customers that have 2, 4, and
10 6 individuals in that household.

11 (d) The process by which those water and sewerage service
12 rates were determined.

13 (e) The total number of shutoffs of water and sewerage service
14 that occurred during that year.

15 (f) The number of shutoffs of water and sewerage service that
16 occurred during that year, broken down by census tract and zip
17 code.

18 (g) The number of shutoffs of water and sewerage service that
19 occurred for residential customers during that year.

20 (h) The number of shutoffs of water and sewerage service that
21 occurred for commercial customers during that year.

22 (i) The number of shutoffs of water and sewerage service that
23 occurred for senior citizen customers during that year.

24 (j) The number of shutoffs of water and sewerage service that
25 occurred for customers with an emergency medical condition during
26 that year.

27 (k) The number of shutoffs of water and sewerage service that

1 occurred for customers with disabilities during that year.

2 (l) The number of shutoffs of water and sewerage service that
3 occurred for customers with children less than 1 year old,
4 customers with children less than 6 years old, and customers who
5 are pregnant, during that year.

6 (m) The provider's policies and procedures regarding shutoffs
7 of water and sewerage service.

8 (n) Any assistance programs the provider has available for
9 low-income customers.

10 Sec. 3. A provider shall make the report under section 2
11 available to customers on its website and post a printed copy in
12 its offices.