

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4542

May 10, 2023, Introduced by Rep. DeSana and referred to the Committee on Energy, Communications, 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 powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; 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 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 9f.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           **Sec. 9f. (1) If a customer's service is interrupted during a**  
2 **billing cycle, an electric utility shall automatically provide the**  
3 **customer a discount on the customer's next electric utility bill**  
4 **equal to the amount described under subsection (2).**

5           **(2) The bill discount in subsection (1) must equal the**  
6 **following amount in the month following the service interruption:**

7           **(a) If a customer's service is interrupted for at least 48**  
8 **hours but less than 72 hours, the customer is entitled to a 5%**  
9 **reduction in the customer's electric rate.**

10           **(b) If a customer's service is interrupted for at least 72**  
11 **hours, in addition to the amount described in subdivision (a) for**  
12 **the first 48 hours, the customer is entitled to a 5% reduction in**  
13 **the customer's electric rate for every additional 24 hours that**  
14 **service remains interrupted after 48 hours.**