

SENATE BILL No. 536

May 5, 2009, Introduced by Senators ANDERSON, CLARKE, OLSHOVE and CHERRY and referred to the Committee on Energy Policy and Public Utilities.

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 9j.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 9J. (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, A
2 PROVIDER SHALL INCLUDE WITH OR ON ANY SHUTOFF NOTICE A LIST
3 CONSISTING OF THE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE ENERGY ASSISTANCE
4 TELEPHONE LINE NUMBER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES OR FOR A
5 2-1-1 SYSTEM TELEPHONE NUMBER.

6 (2) A PROVIDER SHALL INCLUDE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER
7 SUBSECTION (1) AT LEAST 2 TIMES A YEAR IN A CUSTOMER'S BILL WITH A
8 BILL INSERT, IN A NEWSLETTER ISSUED TO ITS CUSTOMERS, A PUBLIC
9 FORUM, NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENT, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION, OR, FOR
10 A COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC UTILITY, IN A PERIODICAL ISSUED BY AN
11 ASSOCIATION OF RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES.

12 (3) THE NOTIFICATION UNDER SUBSECTIONS (1) AND (2) MAY BE
13 TRANSMITTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE CUSTOMER'S BILLING. THE
14 COMMISSION MAY SUPPLEMENT THE METHODS OF PROVIDING THE INFORMATION
15 REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (1).

16 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "PROVIDER" MEANS AN ELECTRIC
17 UTILITY, COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC UTILITY, ALTERNATIVE ELECTRIC
18 SUPPLIER, OR AN INVESTOR-OWNED BUSINESS ENGAGED IN THE SALE AND
19 DISTRIBUTION OF NATURAL GAS WITHIN THIS STATE WHOSE RATES ARE
20 REGULATED BY THE COMMISSION.