

# SENATE BILL No. 734

January 8, 2014, Introduced by Senators CASWELL, MARLEAU, JONES, HUNTER, JANSEN, BOOHER, COLBECK and PAPPAGEORGE and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to designate December 6 of each year as "Utility Workers Safety Awareness Day".

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

1           Sec. 1. (1) The legislature recognizes that utility workers  
2 put their lives on the line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days  
3 a year. Utility workers regularly perform their duties along the  
4 roadside at sites identified by rotating amber lights on the  
5 utility vehicles and by signs and cones. Utility workers are  
6 frequently endangered by drivers who do not slow down or provide  
7 sufficient clearance.

8           (2) In commemoration of the significant role utility workers  
9 play in our lives and to educate the public to "slow down and go  
10 around" utility workers, just as they do for police officers,  
11 firefighters, and ambulance personnel, the legislature designates

1 December 6 of each year as "Utility Workers Safety Awareness Day".