[No. 404]

(HB 4884)

AN ACT to amend 1986 PA 268, entitled "An act to create the legislative council; to prescribe its membership, powers, and duties; to create a legislative service bureau to provide staff services to the legislature and the council; to provide for operation of legislative parking facilities; to create funds; to provide for the expenditure of appropriated funds by legislative council agencies; to authorize the sale of access to certain computerized data bases; to establish fees; to create the Michigan commission on uniform state laws; to create a law revision commission; to create a senate fiscal agency and a house fiscal agency; to create a Michigan capitol committee; to create a commission on intergovernmental relations; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and departments; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," (MCL 4.1101 to 4.1901) by adding section 204b.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

4.1204b Bills and resolutions; availability of text on Internet; copyright or other proprietary interest or entitlement; fee prohibited. [M.S.A. 2.138(204b)]

Sec. 204b. (1) Notwithstanding section 204, beginning July 1, 1999, the council shall make the text of each bill introduced, passed by each house, and enrolled during the current legislative session available to the public on the Internet.

- (2) The information described in subsection (1) that is maintained by the council shall be made available in the shortest feasible time after the information is available. The information described in subsection (1) that is not maintained by the council shall be made available in the shortest feasible time after it is made available to the council.
- (3) This section does not alter or relinquish any copyright or other proprietary interest or entitlement of this state relating to any of the information made available under this section.
 - (4) The council shall not charge a fee for the information provided in this section.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect. Approved December 18, 1998. Filed with Secretary of State December 21, 1998.