



HOUSE BILL No. 5115

November 9, 1999, Introduced by Rep. Brewer and referred to the Committee on House Oversight and Operations.

A bill to prohibit the use of the name of a state agency or a name similar to the name of a state agency without fair compensation; and to provide penalties.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,
3 association, governmental entity, society, or other legal
4 entity.

5 (b) "State agency" means a department, board, commission,
6 office, agency, authority, or other unit of state government.

7 Sec. 2. (1) A person shall not without fair compensation
8 assume, adopt, or use any of the following in the conduct of its
9 business or other activities:

10 (a) The name of a state agency.

1 (b) A name that so nearly resembles the name of a state
2 agency as to be an imitation of that name.

3 (c) A name that conveys the false impression that the
4 person's business, products, services, or activities are con-
5 nected with or endorsed, authorized, or approved by a state
6 agency.

7 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply if a state agency gives
8 written permission to use its name without fair compensation.