

HOUSE BILL No. 4697

April 28, 2005, Introduced by Reps. Walker, Acciavatti, Elsenheimer and Palsrok and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 3, entitled

"An act to provide for the regulation and control of public 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,"

by amending section 6 (MCL 460.6), as amended by 1993 PA 355.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 6. The public service commission is vested with complete
2 power and jurisdiction to regulate all public utilities in the
3 state except a municipally owned utility, the owner of a renewable
4 resource power production facility as provided in section 6d, and
5 except as otherwise restricted by law. The public service
6 commission is vested with the power and jurisdiction to regulate
7 all rates, fares, fees, charges, services, rules, conditions of
8 service, and all other matters pertaining to the formation,
9 operation, or direction of public utilities. The public service
10 commission is further granted the power and jurisdiction to hear
11 and pass upon all matters pertaining to, necessary, or incident to
12 the regulation of public utilities, including electric light and
13 power companies, whether private, corporate, or cooperative; water,
14 telegraph, oil, gas, and pipeline companies; motor carriers;
15 **PRIVATE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES;** and all public
16 transportation and communication agencies other than railroads and
17 railroad companies.