

HOUSE BILL NO. 4782

August 21, 2025, Introduced by Reps. DeBoyer, Harris, Hoadley and Beson and referred to Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1921 PA 246, entitled
"An act to regulate the service, rates, fares and charges of
carriers by water within this state,"
by amending section 1 (MCL 460.201), as amended by 2017 PA 240.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. **(1)** Any persons, firms, and corporations engaged in
2 the transportation of freight, passengers, or express, by water,
3 wholly within this state, shall, within 30 days after this act
4 takes effect, make and file, in the form prescribed, its schedule
5 of rates, fares, and charges for the carrying of freight,

1 passengers, and express. The filed rates, fares, and charges
2 continue in force until superseded by other schedules filed with
3 the department of state police as provided in this section.

4 (2) The department of state police shall make a decision on
5 all filed rates, fares, and charges within 30 days after the rates,
6 fares, and charges are filed. The department of state police may,
7 either upon request or upon its own motion, suspend the operation
8 of any filed rate, fare, charge, or tariff for a period not
9 exceeding 30 days. If a filed rate, fare, charge, or tariff is
10 suspended by the department of state police, the department shall
11 give the interested carrier immediate notice of the suspension and
12 shall, within 10 days from the date of the suspension, set a
13 hearing date not more than 20 days from the date of the suspension.
14 The department of state police shall give notice of the hearing
15 date to the carrier and to other interested persons. After the
16 hearing, the department of state police shall set the rate, fare,
17 charge, or tariff in the matter complained of, and that rate, fare,
18 charge, or tariff continues to be the legal rate, fare, charge, or
19 tariff in force until superseded as provided by law.

20 (3) Any ferry company operating within any municipality under
21 an agreement with that municipality is not affected either as to
22 fares or as to operation by this act **and, notwithstanding a**
23 **municipal ordinance to the contrary, the ferry company may set**
24 **rates, fares, charges, or tariffs for the carrying of freight,**
25 **passengers, and express unless otherwise explicitly prohibited**
26 **under the agreement.**