

# HOUSE BILL No. 4686

April 24, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Harrison, Stabenow, Varga, Martin, Gubow, Joe Young, Sr., DeMars, Kilpatrick, DeLange, Ostling, Johnson, Miller, Crandall, Dolan, Sikkema, Camp, Stacey, DeBeaussaert, Pitoniak, Watkins, Profit, Palamara, Saunders, Wallace and Stallworth and referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Energy.

A bill to regulate the activities of businesses engaged in the cleaning, repair, alteration, or storage of clothing and certain other articles; and to provide for the disposition of those articles that are unclaimed.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2       (a) "Article" means any clothing, garment, wearing apparel,  
3 leather garment, fur coat or garment, curtain, drapery, rug,  
4 carpet, or household furnishing.

5       (b) "Business" means an individual, partnership, corpora-  
6 tion, or other legal entity which, for compensation, provides  
7 cleaning or repair services.

8       (c) "Cleaning or repair services" means 1 or more of the  
9 following services in relation to an article:

1 (i) Dry cleaning.

2 (ii) Dyeing.

3 (iii) Pressing.

4 (iv) Laundering.

5 (v) Alterations.

6 (vi) Fabric repair.

7 (d) "Storage" means the keeping of an article by a business,  
8 at the request of the person leaving the article, for a period of  
9 time as specified in a receipt or other written document.

10 Sec. 3. (1) Subject to section 7, the owner of an article  
11 delivered to a business for the purpose of cleaning or repair  
12 services shall lose his or her ownership rights to the article  
13 not less than 1 year after the date the article was delivered to  
14 the business.

15 (2) A business may sell, donate, or otherwise dispose of an  
16 article upon the expiration of the time period described in sub-  
17 section (1).

18 Sec. 5. (1) Subject to section 7, the owner of an article  
19 delivered to a business for the purpose of storage shall lose his  
20 or her ownership rights to the article not less than 1 year after  
21 the date on which the storage agreement terminated.

22 (2) A business may sell, donate, or otherwise dispose of an  
23 article upon the expiration of the time period described in sub-  
24 section (1).

25 Sec. 7. The owner of an article may regain his or her  
26 ownership rights in an article where the ownership rights were

1 terminated pursuant to section 3(1) or 5(1) under both of the  
2 following circumstances:

3       (a) The business has not sold, donated, or otherwise dis-  
4 posed of the article.

5       (b) The person desiring to regain his or her ownership  
6 rights pays the amount owing for cleaning or repair services or  
7 storage.