

# HOUSE BILL NO. 6126

May 19, 2022, Introduced by Reps. Steven Johnson and Reilly and referred to the Committee on Energy.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 3, entitled

"An act to provide for the regulation and control of public and certain private 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 powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; 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 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,"

(MCL 460.1 to 460.11) by adding section 9e.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           **Sec. 9e. (1) If an electric utility fails to restore service**  
 2 **to a customer within 72 hours after an interruption in the**  
 3 **customer's service and that customer purchased a generator to**  
 4 **provide electricity to the customer's household because of that**  
 5 **interruption, the electric utility shall provide the customer a**  
 6 **bill credit on the customer's next electric utility bill equal to**  
 7 **the cost of the generator that the customer purchased, not to**  
 8 **exceed \$500.00.**

9           **(2) To receive the bill credit under subsection (1), the**  
 10 **customer must apply for the bill credit in a form and manner**  
 11 **prescribed by the commission. If the customer's credit under**  
 12 **subsection (1) exceeds the amount of the customer's bill for the**  
 13 **billing cycle, the electric utility shall automatically carry**  
 14 **forward the balance of the credit to subsequent billing cycles**  
 15 **until it is expended.**

16           **(3) An electric utility shall not recover any expenses for**  
 17 **credits described in this section in an application for a rate**  
 18 **increase. The commission shall not allow an electric utility to**  
 19 **recover any expenses for credits described in this section.**