

Legislative Analysis



ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING SERVICES

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House Bill 4706 as introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Sharon McDonell

Committee: Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4706 would amend 1939 PA 3, which provides for the regulation of public and private utilities and is the enabling act for the Michigan Public Service Commission.

The bill would exclude a provider of *electric vehicle charging services* from the definition of *alternative electric supplier* for purposes of the act. An entity that provides electric vehicle charging services also would not be considered a public utility under the act, notwithstanding the basis on which the service is provided or billed. However, if the entity were otherwise considered a public utility under the act, or otherwise subject to regulation under the act, then that entity would continue to be subject to those applicable provisions.

Electric vehicle charging services would mean the transfer of electric energy from electric vehicle service equipment to a battery or other storage device in an *electric vehicle* (defined as a motor vehicle powered solely by a battery cell energy system), and the provision of billing services, networking, and operation and maintenance related to that transfer of electric energy to an electric vehicle.

Finally, the bill would stipulate that a provision that restricts owning, constructing, or operating electric distribution facilities or electric meter equipment used in the distribution of electricity only to investor-owned, cooperative, or municipally owned electric utilities does not prohibit an entity that provides electric vehicle charging services from owning, constructing, or operating an *electric vehicle charging station*.

Electric vehicle charging station would mean an electric component assembly or cluster of component assemblies designed specifically to charge batteries in an electric vehicle by permitting the transfer of electric energy to a battery or other storage device in an electric vehicle.

MCL 460.10g, 460.10h, and 460.10q

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4706 would not have a fiscal impact on the Public Service Commission within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

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