

HOUSE BILL NO. 4974

September 17, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Morgan, McKinney, Grant, B. Carter, Miller, Byrnes, Wegela, McFall, Hoskins, Wooden, Price, Cavitt, Wilson, Myers-Phillips, Longjohn, Rheingans, Hope, T. Carter and Young and referred to 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 9f.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 9f. (1) An electric utility shall do all of the following**
2 **when a service interruption occurs:**

3 **(a) Reimburse an individual whose utilities are paid for by**
4 **their landlord and whose service was interrupted for more than 4**
5 **but not more than 24 hours, \$50.00 or the cost of spoiled food,**
6 **lodging, or other costs the individual incurred because of the**
7 **service interruption, whichever is larger.**

8 **(b) Reimburse an individual whose utilities are paid for by**
9 **their landlord and whose service was interrupted for more than 24**
10 **hours, \$200.00 or the cost of spoiled food, lodging, or other costs**
11 **the individual incurred because of the service interruption,**
12 **whichever is larger.**

13 **(c) Reimburse a local unit of government for any costs that**
14 **the local unit of government incurred because of the service**
15 **interruption, including, but not limited to, all of the following:**

16 **(i) The cost required to dispatch emergency services during the**
17 **service interruption.**

18 **(ii) The cost required to operate warming or cooling centers**
19 **due to unsafe weather during the service interruption.**

20 **(iii) The cost of operating backup generation during the service**
21 **interruption.**

1 (iv) Other costs incurred to respond to and mitigate the
2 harmful effects of the service interruption.

3 (2) An individual or local unit of government that seeks
4 reimbursement under this section shall submit its account of actual
5 costs to the commission not later than 90 days after the date of
6 the service interruption. The commission shall examine the account
7 and determine what costs the utility shall reimburse. Not later
8 than 30 days after the commission determines what actual costs the
9 utility shall reimburse, the utility shall pay the amount to the
10 individual or the local unit of government.

11 (3) This section is in addition to any other remedy provided
12 by law.

13 (4) As used in this section:

14 (a) "Emergency services" means services provided to the public
15 by police, fire, ambulance, or other first responders.

16 (b) "Service interruption" means a full or partial loss of
17 electric service.