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## BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 326 (as introduced 3-4-09)  
Sponsor: Senator Martha G. Scott  
Committee: Energy Policy and Public Utilities

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**CONTENT**

The bill would amend Public Act 3 of 1939, the Public Service Commission (PSC) law, to prohibit an electric provider from using an electric service limiter in Michigan. ("Electric provider" would mean an electric utility, municipally owned utility, cooperative electric utility, or alternative electric supplier. "Electric service limiter" would mean any device that interrupts electric service at a customer's residence when the usage limit is exceeded.)

Within 180 days after the bill's effective date, the PSC would have to promulgate rules establishing uniform standards for the use of electric service limiters by providers in the State. The prohibition would not apply on or after the effective date of the rules.

Proposed MCL 460.6t

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would increase the costs of the Michigan Public Service Commission by an unknown amount due to the new administrative rules that would be required by the bill. In addition, the costs of municipally owned utilities would be increased by the bill, which would bring municipally owned utilities under PSC jurisdiction for the purpose of regulating electric service limiters.

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