

State of Michigan Senate Bills Regarding Energy Theft

State Bill 1310

- Holds landlords accountable for utility charges when theft has occurred on their property
- Landlord must prove ownership, identify the tenant and pay all outstanding bills
- Lock down of service and reconnection fees apply
- Service will not be automatically reconnected for a new tenant

State Bill 1311 and State Bill 1312

- It is a felony to steal, attempt to sell, or transfer electricity or natural gas service.
- First offense is punishable by up to 5-years imprisonment and/or up to a \$5,000 fine.
- Second offense is punishable by up to 5-years imprisonment and/or up to a \$10,000 fine.

State Bill 1313 and State Bill 1314

- Assaulting an individual while he or she is performing duties as an employee of a public utility resulting in causing injury is a felony punishable by up to 2-years imprisonment and/or a \$1,000 fine.
- If the assault causes serious impairment, the felony is punishable by imprisonment up to 5 years and/or not less than a \$1,000 or more than a \$5,000 fine.