

HOUSE BILL No. 4395

February 27, 1991, Introduced by Rep. Hertel and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs.

A bill to establish a medical assistance program for dependents of members of the armed forces of the United States or the armed forces of this state who are serving combat duty; and to prescribe certain powers and duties of the department of social services.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "military dependents medical assistance act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Armed forces" means the armed services of the United
5 States or the armed services of this state.

6 (b) "Combat duty status" means that a member of the armed
7 forces is on active duty in an area of imminent danger with a
8 possibility of combat.

1 (c) "Department" means the department of social services.

2 (d) "Dependent" means that term as defined in section 152 of
3 the internal revenue code, title 26 of the United States code.

4 (e) "Medical assistance" means a program of assistance that
5 includes medical benefits identical to those provided pursuant to
6 section 105 of the social welfare act, Act No. 280 of the Public
7 Acts of 1939, being section 400.105 of the Michigan Compiled
8 Laws.

9 Sec. 3. (1) The department shall establish a program to
10 provide medical assistance to dependents of members of the armed
11 forces who are on combat duty status, as prescribed by this act.

12 (2) A person is eligible to receive medical assistance under
13 this act if all of the following circumstances exist:

14 (a) He or she is a dependent of a member of the armed forces
15 who is in combat duty status.

16 (b) He or she is not eligible for any other medical assist-
17 ance program or health insurance coverage.

18 (c) He or she is a member of a household having an income
19 level of no more than 200% of the income level for eligibility
20 under the medicaid program established pursuant to section 105 of
21 Act No. 280 of the Public Acts of 1939.

22 (3) The period of eligibility for medical assistance under
23 this act begins on the date the member of the armed forces
24 assumes combat duty status or the effective date of this act,
25 whichever is later, and ends 12 months after the date on which
26 combat duty status ends.

1 Sec. 4. The department may promulgate rules pursuant to the
2 administrative procedures act of 1969, Act No. 306 of the Public
3 Acts of 1969, being sections 24.201 to 24.328 of the Michigan
4 Compiled Laws, to implement this act.