HOUSE BILL No. 4685

April 16, 1991, Introduced by Rep. Clack and referred to the Committee on Insurance.

A bill to amend section 240 of Act No. 218 of the Public

Acts of 1956, entitled as amended

"The insurance code of 1956,"

as amended by Act No. 261 of the Public Acts of 1987, being

section 500.240 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to add section

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Section 1. Section 240 of Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of
- 2 1956, as amended by Act No. 261 of the Public Acts of 1987, being
- 3 section 500.240 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended and
- 4 section 229 is added to read as follows:
- 5 SEC. 229. (1) THERE IS CREATED WITHIN THE INSURANCE BUREAU
- 6 A SENIOR CITIZEN COMPLAINT UNIT. THE UNIT SHALL INVESTIGATE
- 7 COMPLAINTS CONCERNING UNETHICAL AND ILLEGAL PRACTICES BY INSURERS

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- 1 AND THEIR AGENTS IN THE MARKETING OF LIFE AND DISABILITY 2 INSURANCE TO SENIOR CITIZENS. (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "SENIOR CITIZEN" MEANS A STATE 3 4 RESIDENT WHO IS 60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, AND THE SPOUSE OF THAT 5 STATE RESIDENT REGARDLESS OF AGE. 6 Sec. 240. (1) The commissioner shall collect, and the 7 person affected shall pay to the commissioner, the following 8 fees: (a) Filing fee for original authorization to transact insur-10 ance in this state, for each domestic insurer, and each foreign 11 and alien insurer..... \$ 25.00. 12 (b) Filing fee for annual statement of foreign and alien 13 insurers, each year, subject to section 476a...... \$ 25.00. (c) Agent's appointment fee, resident or nonresident, pay-14 15 able by insurer so represented, for each agent, each 16 year..... 5.00. (d) Application fee payable by each initial applicant for 17 18 license as resident agent, nonresident agent, surplus lines 19 agent, solicitor, counselor, or adjuster, not transferable or 20 refundable..... \$ 10.00. 21 (e) Solicitor's license, each year..... \$ 10.00. 22 (f) Insurance counselor license, each year..... \$ 10.00. 23 (g) Adjuster's license, each year.....\$
- (h) License examination fee, payable by applicant for all 25 subjects covered in any 1 examination, or portion of an examina-

26 tion, for license as resident agent, surplus lines agent,

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- 1 solicitor, counselor, or adjuster, each examination, not
- 2 transferable or refundable..... \$ 10.00.
- 3 (i) Surplus lines agent license each year...... \$100.00.
- 4 (J) SENIOR CITIZEN INSURANCE AGENT LICENSE...... \$100.00.
- 5 (K) -(i) Certification of records..... \$ 2.00
- 6 (2) Each incorporated domestic insurer shall pay to the
- 7 attorney general, for the examination of the insurer's articles
- 8 of incorporation or any amendments to the articles of incorpora-
- 9 tion, the sum of \$25.00.
- 10 (3) The fees and charges for official services performed by
- 11 the commissioner or the commissioner's deputies or employees,
- 12 when collected, shall be turned over to the state treasurer and a
- 13 receipt taken. The fees and charges provided for in this section
- 14 shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the
- 15 general fund.
- 16 (4) The provisions of subsection (1)(h), insofar as they
- 17 provide for examination fees, are applicable only if the examina-
- 18 tions are administered by the commissioner. If the examinations
- 19 are administered by some designated authority other than the com-
- 20 missioner, appropriate examination fees shall be payable directly
- 21 to the designated authority.
- 22 (5) THE FEES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(J) SHALL
- 23 BE EARMARKED FOR THE INSURANCE BUREAU'S SENIOR CITIZEN COMPLAINT
- 24 UNIT.
- 25 Section 2. This amendatory act shall not take effect unless
- 26 Senate Bill No. or House Bill No. 4684 (request
- 27 no. 01224'91) of the 86th Legislature is enacted into law.