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HEALTH INS. ADVICE FOR SENIORS

House Bill 5198
Sponsor: Rep. Sal Rocca
Committee: Senior Citizens

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5198 AS INTRODUCED 11-10-93

The bill would amend the Older Michiganians Act to create a senior citizen health insurance advisor unit within the Office of Services to the Aging. The unit would:

**** establish local advisor units in area agencies on aging.**

**** recruit and train volunteers to serve as educators and insurance information resource people for senior citizens. Initial volunteer training would consist of at least 25 hours in the basics of disability insurance, with a focus on Medicare, Medicare supplement coverage, long-term care coverage, and consumer protection. Additional volunteer training programs and information would be provided as needed to supplement the initial training program.**

**** seek federal funds.**

The bill also would define "senior citizen" as a Michigan resident 60 years of age or older, or his or her spouse, regardless of age.

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