



HOUSE BILL No. 5198

November 10, 1993, Introduced by Rep. Rocca and referred to the Committee on Senior Citizens.

A bill to amend Act No. 180 of the Public Acts of 1981,
entitled as amended
"Older Michiganians act,"
as amended, being sections 400.581 to 400.594 of the Michigan
Compiled Laws, by adding section 7b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Act No. 180 of the Public Acts of 1981, as
2 amended, being sections 400.581 to 400.594 of the Michigan
3 Compiled Laws, is amended by adding section 7b to read as
4 follows:

5 SEC. 7B. (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

6 (A) "SENIOR CITIZEN" MEANS A STATE RESIDENT WHO IS 60 YEARS
7 OF AGE OR OLDER, AND THE SPOUSE OF THAT STATE RESIDENT REGARDLESS
8 OF AGE.

1 (B) "UNIT" MEANS THE SENIOR CITIZEN HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISOR
2 UNIT CREATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2).

3 (2) THERE IS CREATED THE SENIOR CITIZEN HEALTH INSURANCE
4 ADVISOR UNIT WITHIN THE OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING.

5 (3) THE UNIT SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

6 (A) ESTABLISH LOCAL SENIOR CITIZEN HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISOR
7 UNITS IN AREA AGENCIES ON AGING.

8 (B) RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS EDUCATORS AND INSURANCE
9 INFORMATION RESOURCE PERSONS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.

10 (C) PROVIDE AN INITIAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTEERS OF AT
11 LEAST 25 HOURS OF TRAINING IN THE BASICS OF DISABILITY INSURANCE,
12 WITH A FOCUS ON MEDICARE, MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT COVERAGE, LONG-TERM
13 CARE COVERAGE, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.

14 (D) PROVIDE TRAINING PROGRAMS AND INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS
15 AS NEEDED TO SUPPLEMENT THE INITIAL TRAINING PROGRAM.

16 (E) SEEK AVAILABLE FEDERAL FUNDS.