



# SENATE BILL No. 833

February 1, 1996, Introduced by Senator BOUCHARD and referred to the Committee on Financial Services.

A bill to amend section 7301 of Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1956, entitled as amended  
"The insurance code of 1956,"  
being section 500.7301 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to add section 7316.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 7301 of Act No. 218 of the Public Acts  
2 of 1956, being section 500.7301 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is  
3 amended and section 7316 is added to read as follows:

4 Sec. 7301. As used in this chapter:

5 (a) "Title insurance" means the insuring, guaranteeing, or  
6 indemnifying of designated owners of real estate or any interest  
7 ~~therein~~ IN REAL ESTATE against loss or damage ~~which~~ THAT may  
8 result ~~by reason of~~ BECAUSE the title ~~being~~ IS vested in a  
9 manner otherwise than as stated in the title insurance policy,

1 ~~or by reason of~~ BECAUSE the title ~~being~~ IS unmarketable, or  
2 ~~by reason of~~ BECAUSE the title ~~being~~ IS subject to liens,  
3 encumbrances, or other matters adversely affecting the rights of  
4 use, enjoyment, or disposition ~~thereof~~ OF THE REAL ESTATE, and  
5 not excepted in the policy, all in accordance with the terms of a  
6 title insurance policy approved as to substance and form, or  
7 doing anything equivalent in substance to any of the foregoing in  
8 a manner designed to evade the provisions of this chapter.

9 (b) "Title insurer" means any domestic, foreign, or alien  
10 insurer issuing title insurance, either directly or indirectly,  
11 other than reinsurance or coinsurance or both as referred to in  
12 section 7308, with respect to any real estate located in this  
13 state.

14 (c) "Title insurance policy" means any policy or contract  
15 insuring, guaranteeing, or indemnifying against loss or damage  
16 suffered by owners of real estate or by other persons interested  
17 ~~therein~~ IN THE REAL ESTATE by reason of liens, encumbrances  
18 upon, defects in, or the unmarketability of the title to the real  
19 estate, or other matters affecting the title to real estate or  
20 the right to the use and enjoyment ~~thereof~~ OF THE REAL ESTATE,  
21 and insuring, guaranteeing, or indemnifying the condition of the  
22 title to real estate or the status of any lien ~~thereon~~ ON THE  
23 REAL ESTATE.

24 (d) "Title insurance commitment" means a document issued by  
25 a duly authorized title insurer offering to issue a title insur-  
26 ance policy upon performance of the conditions set forth  
27 ~~therein~~ IN THE DOCUMENT.

1 (E) "PROPERTY TITLE INFORMATION REPORT" MEANS INFORMATION  
2 REGARDING MATTERS OF PUBLIC RECORD AFFECTING LEGAL TITLE TO REAL  
3 PROPERTY THAT SATISFIES BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

4 (i) IS PROVIDED UPON REQUEST TO A REAL PROPERTY OWNER OR TO  
5 A PERSON LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE 25 OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CODE, ACT  
6 NO. 299 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1980, BEING SECTIONS 339.2501 TO  
7 339.2518 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS, IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
8 MARKETING OF REAL ESTATE.

9 (ii) IS PROVIDED ON A FORM OTHER THAN A COMMITMENT OF TITLE  
10 INSURANCE.

11 SEC. 7316. A TITLE AGENCY OR INSURER MAY PROVIDE A PROPERTY  
12 TITLE INFORMATION REPORT WITHOUT RECEIPT OF PAYMENT OR CONSIDERA-  
13 TION OF ANY KIND.