SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4661

A bill to amend 1996 PA 386, entitled

"An act to regulate the sale and purchase of viatical settlement contracts; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials; and to prescribe penalties,"

by amending section 8 (MCL 550.528).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 8. (1) The commissioner may issue an order prohibiting
- 2 the provider from entering into a viatical settlement contract in
- 3 this state if the commissioner finds any of the following:
- 4 (a) The provider has been fraudulent or engaged in dishonest
- 5 practices.
- **6** (b) The provider demonstrates a pattern of unreasonable pay-
- 7 ments to policy owners.
- **8** (c) The provider has been convicted of a felony or any
- 9 misdemeanor that involved criminal fraud.

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- (d) The provider has violated a provision of this act.
- 2 (2) In addition to the order under subsection (1), the
- 3 commissioner may order any of the following:
- (a) Payment of a civil fine of not more than \$500.00 for
- 5 each violation.
- (b) If the person PROVIDER knew or reasonably should have
- 7 known that he or she THE PROVIDER was in violation of this act,
- 8 the commissioner may order the payment REPAYMENT of all death
- 9 benefits and other proceeds CONSIDERATION paid by OR ON BEHALF
- 10 OF a viator FOR A VIATICAL SETTLEMENT CONTRACT affected by the
- 11 violation and a civil fine of not more than \$2,500.00 for each
- 12 violation.
- 13 (c) A cease and desist order.