

# HOUSE BILL No. 4379

February 25, 1997, Introduced by Reps. Stallworth, Hale, DeHart, Vaughn, Scott, Freeman, Thomas, Schauer, Leland, Harder, Hanley, Olshove, Murphy, Rison, Quarles, Kilpatrick, Mans, Goschka, Callahan and Price and referred to the Committee on Insurance.

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled  
"The insurance code of 1956,"  
(MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 3147.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1        SEC. 3147. (1) IF AN AUTOMOBILE INSURER DECIDES TO RETAIN  
2 OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE AUTO-  
3 MOBILE INSURER AND THE INSURED UNDER THE TERMS OF AN AUTOMOBILE  
4 INSURANCE POLICY, THE INSURED SHALL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
5 SELECT THE OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL.

6        (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL" MEANS  
7 AN ATTORNEY LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN THIS STATE WHO IS NOT AN  
8 EMPLOYEE OF THE AUTOMOBILE INSURER.