

HOUSE BILL No. 5343

February 10, 2000, Introduced by Rep. Thomas and referred to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services.

A bill to amend 1986 PA 89, entitled "Michigan BIDCO act,"
by amending section 717 (MCL 487.1717).

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 717. (1) If the commissioner finds that any of the
- 2 factors set forth in section 715(1) are true with respect to a
- 3 licensee and that it is necessary for the protection of the
- 4 interests of the licensee or for the protection of the public
- 5 interest that the commissioner take immediate possession of the
- 6 property and business of the licensee, the commissioner may
- 7 appoint a conservator for the licensee. The commissioner may
- 8 appoint as conservator 1 of the employees of the financial insti-
- 9 tutions bureau of the department of commerce CONSUMER AND
- 10 INDUSTRY SERVICES or some other competent and disinterested
- 11 person. The financial institutions bureau of the department of

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- 1 commerce shall be reimbursed out of the assets of the
- 2 conservatorship for all sums expended by the bureau in connection
- 3 with the conservatorship as expenses. Upon the approval of the
- 4 commissioner, the expenses of the conservatorship shall be paid
- 5 out of the assets of the licensee. The expenses shall be a first
- 6 charge upon the assets and shall be fully paid before any final
- 7 distribution is made.
- 8 (2) Under the direction of the commissioner, the conservator
- 9 shall take possession of the books, records, and assets of the
- 10 licensee and shall take such action with respect to employees,
- 11 agents, or representatives of the licensee or any other action as
- 12 may be necessary to conserve the assets of the licensee or ensure
- 13 payment of obligations of the licensee pending further disposi-
- 14 tion of its business as provided by law. At any appropriate
- 15 time, the commissioner may terminate the conservatorship and
- 16 permit the licensee to resume the transaction of its business
- 17 subject to the terms, conditions, restrictions, and limitations
- 18 the commissioner may prescribe.
- 19 (3) If in the opinion of the commissioner it is appropriate
- 20 that the licensee be liquidated, the commissioner, with the
- 21 attorney general representing the commissioner, may apply to the
- 22 circuit court for the county in which the principal office of the
- 23 licensee is located for the appointment of a receiver for the
- 24 licensee, if the commissioner determines that any of the follow-
- 25 ing are true:
- 26 (a) The licensee is insolvent.

- 1 (b) The licensee has suspended payment of its obligations,
- 2 has made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or has
- 3 admitted in writing its inability to pay its debts as they become
- 4 due.
- 5 (c) The licensee has applied for an adjudication of bank-
- 6 ruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, or other relief under a
- 7 bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, or moratorium law.
- 8 (d) A person has applied for the relief described under sub-
- 9 division (c) against any licensee and that licensee has by an
- 10 affirmative act approved of or consented to the action or the
- 11 relief has been granted.
- 12 (e) The licensee is in a condition that makes it unsafe or
- 13 unsound for the licensee to transact business.
- 14 (4) If a receiver is appointed under subsection (3), the
- 15 receiver shall liquidate the property and business of the
- 16 licensee in the manner provided for in sections 252 to 254 2401
- 17 TO 2403 of the banking code of 1969, Act No. 319 of the Public
- 18 Acts of 1969, being sections 487.552 to 487.554 of the Michigan
- 19 Compiled Laws 1999, MCL 487.12401 TO 487.12403, as if the
- 20 licensee were a bank.
- 21 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take
- 22 effect unless Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. ____
- 23 (request no. 02983'99) of the 90th Legislature is enacted into
- 24 law.