



# HOUSE BILL No. 5457

February 24, 2000, Introduced by Reps. DeWeese, Ruth Johnson, Rocca, Shulman, Richardville, Julian, DeHart, Gosselin and Jansen and referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

A bill to amend 1971 PA 227, entitled  
"An act to prescribe the rights and duties of parties to home solicitation sales,"  
(MCL 445.111 to 445.117) by adding section 17.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 17. (1) FOR ALL COMPLAINTS FILED UNDER SECTION 18,  
2 BEFORE INITIATING A PROCEEDING WITH THE COMMISSION, THE PARTIES  
3 SHALL ATTEMPT ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF RESOLVING THE COMPLAINT.  
4 (2) ANY ALTERNATIVE MEANS THAT WILL RESULT IN A RECOMMENDED  
5 SETTLEMENT MAY BE USED THAT IS AGREED TO BY THE PRINCIPAL PARTIES  
6 OF RECORD, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES,  
7 MEDIATION, AND OTHER INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION METHODS. IF THE  
8 PARTIES CANNOT AGREE ON AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER  
9 THE DATE THE COMPLAINT IS FILED, THE COMMISSION SHALL ORDER  
10 MEDIATION. WITHIN THE 45-DAY PERIOD FROM THE DATE MEDIATION IS

1 ORDERED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, A RECOMMENDED SETTLEMENT SHALL BE  
2 MADE TO THE PARTIES.

3 (3) WITHIN 7 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE RECOMMENDED SETTLE-  
4 MENT, EACH PARTY SHALL FILE WITH THE COMMISSION A WRITTEN ACCEP-  
5 TANCE OR REJECTION OF THE RECOMMENDED SETTLEMENT. IF THE PARTIES  
6 ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION, THEN THE RECOMMENDATION SHALL BECOME  
7 THE FINAL ORDER IN A PROCEEDING UNDER SECTION 18.

8 (4) IF A PARTY REJECTS THE RECOMMENDED SETTLEMENT, THEN THE  
9 APPLICATION OR COMPLAINT SHALL PROCEED TO A PROCEEDING UNDER  
10 SECTION 18.

11 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take  
12 effect unless Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 5446  
13 (request no. 06035'00) of the 90th Legislature is enacted into  
14 law.