SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4508

A bill to amend 1976 PA 390, entitled "Emergency management act,"

by amending section 11 (MCL 30.411), as amended by 2002 PA 132.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 11. (1) Personnel of disaster relief forces while on duty
- 2 are subject to all of the following provisions:
- 3 (a) If they are -an employee **EMPLOYEES** of this state, they
- 4 have the powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities of and
- 5 receive the compensation incidental to their employment.
- **6** (b) If they are employees of a political subdivision of this
- 7 state, regardless of where serving, they have the powers, duties,
- 8 rights, privileges, and immunities and receive the compensation

- 1 incidental to their employment.
- 2 (c) If they are not employees of this state or a political
- 3 subdivision of this state, they are entitled to the same rights and
- 4 immunities as provided by law for the employees of this state. All
- 5 personnel of disaster relief forces shall, while on duty, be
- 6 subject to the operational control of the authority in charge of
- 7 disaster relief activities in the area in which they are serving,
- 8 and shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary travel and
- 9 subsistence expenses.
- 10 (2) This state, any political subdivision of this state, or
- 11 the employees, agents, or representatives of this state or any
- 12 political subdivision of this state are not liable for personal
- 13 injury or property damage sustained by any person appointed or
- 14 acting as a member of disaster relief forces. This act -shall DOES
- 15 not affect the right of a person to receive benefits or
- 16 compensation to which he or she may otherwise be entitled to under
- 17 the worker's disability compensation act of 1969, 1969 PA 317, MCL
- 18 418.101 to 418.941, any pension law, or any act of congress.
- 19 (3) This state or a political subdivision of this state
- 20 engaged in disaster relief activity is not liable for the death of
- 21 or injury to a person or persons, or for damage to property, as a
- 22 result of that activity. The employees, agents, or representatives
- 23 of this state or a political subdivision of this state and
- 24 nongovernmental disaster relief force workers or private or
- 25 volunteer personnel engaged in disaster relief activity are immune
- 26 from tort liability to the extent provided under section 7 of 1964
- 27 PA 170, MCL 691.1407. As used in this section, "disaster relief

- 1 activity" includes training for or responding to an actual,
- 2 impending, mock, or practice disaster or emergency.
- 3 (4) A person licensed to practice medicine or osteopathic
- 4 medicine and surgery or a licensed hospital, registered nurse,
- 5 practical nurse, NURSING STUDENT, dentist, veterinarian, -or
- 6 paramedical person PHARMACIST, PHARMACIST INTERN, OR PARAMEDIC,
- 7 whether licensed in this or another state or by the federal
- 8 government or a branch of the armed forces of the United States, or
- 9 a student nurse MEDICAL RESIDENT undergoing training in a
- 10 licensed hospital in this or another state, that renders services
- 11 during a state of disaster declared by the governor and at the
- 12 express or implied request of a state official or agency or county
- 13 or local coordinator or executive body, is considered an authorized
- 14 disaster relief worker or facility and is not liable for an injury
- 15 sustained by a person by reason of those services, regardless of
- 16 how or under what circumstances or by what cause those injuries are
- 17 sustained. The immunity granted by this subsection does not apply
- 18 in the event of a willful act or omission. If a civil action for
- 19 malpractice is filed alleging a willful act or omission resulting
- 20 in injuries, the services rendered that resulted in those injuries
- 21 shall be judged according to the standards required of persons
- 22 licensed in this state to perform those services.
- 23 (5) A licensed dentist, veterinarian, registered nurse,
- 24 practical nurse, or licensed paramedical person NURSING STUDENT,
- 25 PHARMACIST, PHARMACIST INTERN, OR PARAMEDIC, whether licensed in
- 26 this or another state or by the federal government or a branch of
- 27 the armed forces of the United States, or a -student nurse MEDICAL

- 1 RESIDENT undergoing training in a licensed hospital in this or
- 2 another state, during a state of disaster declared by the governor,
- 3 may practice, in addition to the authority granted by other
- 4 statutes of this state, the administration of anesthetics; minor
- 5 surgery; intravenous, subcutaneous, or intramuscular procedure; or
- 6 oral and topical medication; or a combination of these under the
- 7 supervision of a member of the medical staff of a licensed hospital
- 8 of this state, and may assist the staff member in other medical and
- 9 surgical proceedings.
- 10 (6) A person owning or controlling real estate or other
- 11 premises who voluntarily and without compensation grants to this
- 12 state or a political subdivision of this state a license or
- 13 privilege, or otherwise permits this state or a political
- 14 subdivision of this state to inspect, designate, and use the whole
- 15 or any part or parts of the real estate or other premises for the
- 16 purpose of sheltering persons during an actual, impending, mock, or
- 17 practice disaster, together with his or her successors in interest,
- 18 if any, is not civilly liable for negligently causing the death of
- 19 or injury to any person on or about the real estate or premises
- 20 under the license, privilege, or permission or for loss or damage
- 21 to the property of the person.
- 22 (7) A person owning or controlling real estate or other
- 23 premises who has gratuitously granted the use of the real estate or
- 24 other premises for the purposes stated in this section is legally
- 25 obligated to make known to the licensee any hidden dangers or
- 26 safety hazards that are known to the owner or occupant of the real
- 27 estate or premises that might possibly result in the death or

- injury or loss of property to a person using the real estate or 1
- 2 premises.