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HOUSE BILL No. 5631

February 2, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Ball, Rocca, LaJoy, Schuitmaker, Green, Wojno, Mortimer, Gleason, Nitz, Proos, Caul, Taub and Newell and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code,"

by amending section 2253 (MCL 333.2253).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 2253. (1) If the director determines that control of an epidemic is necessary to protect the public health, the director —, by emergency order —, may prohibit the gathering of people for any purpose and may establish procedures to be followed during the epidemic to insure continuation of essential public health services and enforcement of health laws. Emergency procedures shall not be limited to this code.

(2) IF AN EPIDEMIC DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) INVOLVES AVIAN INFLUENZA OR ANOTHER VIRUS OR DISEASE THAT IS OR MAY BE SPREAD BY CONTACT WITH ANIMALS, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHALL COOPERATE

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- 1 WITH AND ASSIST THE DIRECTOR IN THE DIRECTOR'S RESPONSE TO THE
- 2 EPIDEMIC.
- 3 (3) UPON REQUEST FROM THE DIRECTOR, THE DEPARTMENT OF
- 4 AGRICULTURE SHALL ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN ANY REVIEW OR UPDATE OF
- 5 THE DEPARTMENT'S PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PLAN UNDER SECTION 5112.
- 6 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
- 7 unless Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 5630(request no.
- 8 05149'05) of the 93rd Legislature is enacted into law.