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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
93RD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2006**

Introduced by Reps. Hune and Gaffney

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 6248

AN ACT to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "An act to revise, consolidate, and classify the laws relating to the insurance and surety business; to regulate the incorporation or formation of domestic insurance and surety companies and associations and the admission of foreign and alien companies and associations; to provide their rights, powers, and immunities and to prescribe the conditions on which companies and associations organized, existing, or authorized under this act may exercise their powers; to provide the rights, powers, and immunities and to prescribe the conditions on which other persons, firms, corporations, associations, risk retention groups, and purchasing groups engaged in an insurance or surety business may exercise their powers; to provide for the imposition of a privilege fee on domestic insurance companies and associations and the state accident fund; to provide for the imposition of a tax on the business of foreign and alien companies and associations; to provide for the imposition of a tax on risk retention groups and purchasing groups; to provide for the imposition of a tax on the business of surplus line agents; to provide for the imposition of regulatory fees on certain insurers; to provide for assessment fees on certain health maintenance organizations; to modify tort liability arising out of certain accidents; to provide for limited actions with respect to that modified tort liability and to prescribe certain procedures for maintaining those actions; to require security for losses arising out of certain accidents; to provide for the continued availability and affordability of automobile insurance and homeowners insurance in this state and to facilitate the purchase of that insurance by all residents of this state at fair and reasonable rates; to provide for certain reporting with respect to insurance and with respect to certain claims against uninsured or self-insured persons; to prescribe duties for certain state departments and officers with respect to that reporting; to provide for certain assessments; to establish and continue certain state insurance funds; to modify and clarify the status, rights, powers, duties, and operations of the nonprofit malpractice insurance fund; to provide for the departmental supervision and regulation of the insurance and surety business within this state; to provide for regulation over worker's compensation self-insurers; to provide for the conservation, rehabilitation, or liquidation of unsound or insolvent insurers; to provide for the protection of policyholders, claimants, and creditors of unsound or insolvent insurers; to provide for associations of insurers to protect policyholders and claimants in the event of insurer insolvencies; to prescribe educational requirements for insurance agents and solicitors; to provide for the regulation of multiple employer welfare arrangements; to create an automobile theft prevention authority to reduce the number of automobile thefts in this state; to prescribe the powers and duties of the automobile theft prevention authority; to provide certain powers and duties upon certain officials, departments, and authorities of this state; to provide for an appropriation; to repeal acts and parts of acts; and to provide penalties for the violation of this act," (MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 126.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

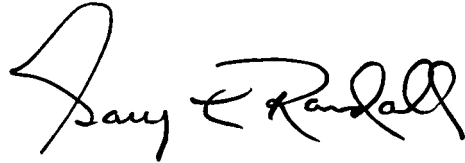
Sec. 126. (1) A waiver of customer liability agreement is not insurance or the business of insurance and is not subject to this act.

(2) As used in this section:

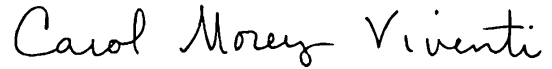
(a) "Service provider" means a public or private provider of electricity, natural gas, water, sewer, solid waste collection, or any other similar service, and any provider of communications services involving the transmission of data or any other information or signals utilizing any medium or method, including, but not limited to, cable or broadband service, IP-enabled voice service, cellular or mobile service, or any other similar service.

(b) "Waiver of customer liability agreement" means an optional agreement between a service provider and a customer of the service provider under which the service provider agrees, in return for a specified charge payable by the customer to the service provider, to waive all or a portion of the customer's liability to the service provider for incurred charges during a defined period in the event of any 1 or more of the following: the customer's call to active military service; involuntary unemployment; death; disability; hospitalization; marriage; divorce; evacuation; displacement due to natural disaster or other cause; qualification for family leave; or similar qualifying event or condition. A waiver of customer liability may be contained in the agreement under which the service provider provides services to the customer or in a separate agreement between the service provider and the customer.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives



Secretary of the Senate

Approved _____

Governor