

# HOUSE BILL No. 6189

June 3, 2008, Introduced by Reps. Byrum, Byrnes and Griffin and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental, Urban and Regional Affairs.

A bill to amend 1991 PA 46, entitled  
"Eligible domestic relations order act,"  
by amending section 2 (MCL 38.1702).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 2. As used in this act:

2           (a) "Alternate payee" means a spouse of a participant under a  
3 judgment of separate maintenance, or a former spouse, child, or  
4 dependent of a participant, who is named in an eligible domestic  
5 relations order.

6           (b) "Benefit" means an annuity, a pension, a retirement  
7 allowance, or an optional benefit accrued or accruing to a  
8 participant under a retirement system or a postretirement subsidy  
9 payable to a participant under a retirement system.

1 (c) "Domestic relations order" means a judgment, decree, or  
2 order of a court made pursuant to the domestic relations law of  
3 this state and relating to the provision of alimony payments, child  
4 support, or marital property rights to a spouse of a participant  
5 under a judgment of separate maintenance, or to a former spouse,  
6 child, or dependent of a participant.

7 (d) "Earliest retirement date" means the earliest date on  
8 which a participant meets all of the requirements for retirement  
9 under a retirement system except for termination of employment.

10 (e) "Eligible domestic relations order" or "EDRO" means a  
11 domestic relations order that is considered an eligible domestic  
12 relations order under section 11 or that meets all of the following  
13 requirements:

14 (i) The domestic relations order states the ~~name,~~ **NAMES AND**  
15 last known ~~address, and social security number~~ **ADDRESSES** of the  
16 participant **AND ALTERNATE PAYEE.**

17 ~~(ii) The domestic relations order states the name, last known~~  
18 ~~address, and social security number of the alternate payee.~~ **THE**  
19 **DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDER REFERS TO THE ATTACHMENT TO THE DOMESTIC**  
20 **RELATIONS ORDER DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (ix) .**

21 (iii) The domestic relations order states the amount or  
22 percentage of the benefit to be paid to an alternate payee, or the  
23 manner under which the retirement system is to determine the amount  
24 or percentage of the benefit to be paid to an alternate payee.

25 (iv) The domestic relations order states that it applies to the  
26 retirement system and that the retirement system shall make  
27 payments to the alternate payee as required under the eligible

1 domestic relations order and this act.

2 (v) The domestic relations order does not require the  
3 retirement system to provide a type or form of benefit not provided  
4 by the retirement system or a form of payment not provided by this  
5 act.

6 (vi) The domestic relations order does not require the  
7 retirement system to provide an increased benefit determined on the  
8 basis of actuarial value.

9 (vii) The domestic relations order does not require the payment  
10 of a benefit to an alternate payee that is required to be paid to  
11 another alternate payee under a previously filed eligible domestic  
12 relations order.

13 (viii) The domestic relations order is filed before the  
14 participant's retirement allowance effective date.

15 (ix) **THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDER REQUIRES THAT THE SOCIAL**  
16 **SECURITY NUMBERS OF THE PARTICIPANT AND THE ALTERNATE PAYEE BE SENT**  
17 **TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM IN AN ATTACHMENT TO THE ORDER. THE**  
18 **ATTACHMENT SHALL NOT BE FILED WITH THE COURT, BUT SHALL BE ATTACHED**  
19 **TO THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDER WHEN IT IS SENT TO THE PLAN**  
20 **ADMINISTRATOR FOR APPROVAL.**

21 (f) "Participant" means a member, deferred member, vested  
22 former member, deceased former member, or retirant under the  
23 retirement system.

24 (g) "Postretirement subsidy" includes, but is not limited to,  
25 all of the following:

26 (i) A supplemental annuity.

27 (ii) A supplemental payment to a participant.

1           (iii) A percentage increase to a benefit payable to a  
2 participant.

3           (iv) Any other payment to a participant or increase to a  
4 benefit payable to a participant, excluding health benefits.

5           (h) "Retirement system" means a public employee retirement  
6 system created and established by this state or any political  
7 subdivision of this state.