

# SENATE BILL No. 1172

February 24, 2010, Introduced by Senators BASHAM, PATTERSON, ANDERSON, CHERRY, HUNTER, CLARK-COLEMAN, OLSHOVE, THOMAS, PRUSI, SWITALSKI, SANBORN, GILBERT, BROWN, JACOBS, BARCIA, GLEASON, CLARKE, ALLEN, GEORGE, NOFS, VAN WOERKOM, KAHN, PAPPAGEORGE, BIRKHOLZ, HARDIMAN, GARCIA, JANSEN, BRATER, KUIPERS, WHITMER, BISHOP, SCOTT, STAMAS and RICHARDVILLE and referred to the Committee on Committee of the Whole.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 17231.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 17231. (1) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE  
2 BOARD, MAY ISSUE AN HONORARY LICENSE TO AN INDIVIDUAL, LIVING OR  
3 DECEASED, WHO HAS MET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART TO BE  
4 ELIGIBLE FOR A LICENSE EXCEPT FOR PASSAGE OF AN EXAMINATION AND WHO  
5 IS UNABLE TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION DUE TO ADVANCED ILLNESS. AN  
6 HONORARY LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION DOES NOT CONFER ANY  
7 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF NURSING.

8        (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "ADVANCED ILLNESS" MEANS THAT

1 TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 5653.

2 (3) THIS SECTION MAY BE REFERRED TO AS "KATIE VIGER'S LAW".