

Act No. 55
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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**Introduced by Reps. Stamas, Johnson, Liss, Denby, Roy Schmidt, Haveman, Walsh, Horn, Lyons, Melton
and Haines**

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4389

AN ACT to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to provide for the levy of taxes against certain health facilities or agencies; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to provide for an appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," by amending section 16185 (MCL 333.16185), as added by 2006 PA 25.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 16185. (1) Subject to subsection (2), an individual who provides care under a special volunteer license to engage in the practice of medicine, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, or dentistry granted under section 16184 is not liable in a civil action for personal injury or death proximately caused by the professional negligence or malpractice of the individual in providing the care if both of the following apply:

(a) The care is provided at a health facility or agency that provides at least 75% of its care annually to medically indigent individuals.

(b) The individual does not receive and does not intend to receive compensation for providing the care.

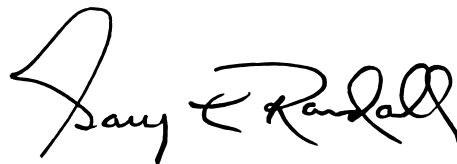
(2) Subsection (1) does not apply if the negligent conduct or malpractice of the individual is gross negligence.

(3) As used in this section:

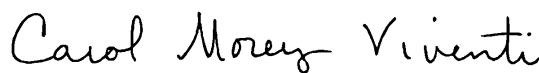
(a) "Gross negligence" means conduct so reckless as to demonstrate a substantial lack of concern for whether an injury results.

(b) "Medically indigent individual" means that term as defined in section 106 of the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.106.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives



Secretary of the Senate

Approved

Governor