SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 694

A bill to amend 1937 PA 72, entitled "Division on deafness act,"

by amending section 2 (MCL 408.202), as amended by 1988 PA 434.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 2. As used in this act:
- 2 (a) "Council" means the advisory council on deafness DEAF,
- 3 DEAFBLIND, AND HARD OF HEARING established in section 5.
- 4 (b) "Deaf person" means a person whose hearing is totally
- 5 impaired or whose hearing, WHO IS NOT ABLE TO PROCESS INFORMATION
- 6 AURALLY, with or without amplification, is so seriously impaired
- 7 that the AND WHOSE primary means of COMMUNICATION IS VISUAL OR BY
- 8 receiving spoken language is through other sensory input,
- 9 including, but not limited to, lipreading, sign language, finger
- 10 spelling, and OR reading.

- 1 (C) "DEAFBLIND PERSON" MEANS A PERSON WHO HAS A COMBINATION OF
- 2 HEARING LOSS AND VISION LOSS, AND THAT COMBINATION NECESSITATES
- 3 SPECIALIZED INTERPRETATION OF SPOKEN AND WRITTEN INFORMATION IN A
- 4 MANNER APPROPRIATE TO EACH PERSON'S DUAL SENSORY LOSS.
- 5 (D) (c) "Department" means the department of labor.CIVIL
- 6 RIGHTS.
- 7 (E) (d) "Division" means the division on deafness DEAF,
- 8 DEAFBLIND, AND HARD OF HEARING established in section 3.
- 9 (F) (e) "Hearing impaired "HARD OF HEARING person" means a
- 10 person who has a degree of hearing loss that ranges from mild to
- 11 profound. Hearing impaired person includes a deaf person.A HARD OF
- 12 HEARING PERSON USES HIS OR HER RESIDUAL HEARING, A HEARING AID, A
- 13 COCHLEAR IMPLANT, HEARING ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY, COMMUNICATION
- 14 ACCESS REALTIME TRANSLATION (CART), SPEECH READING, OR OTHER
- 15 COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES AND REMAINS IN THE HEARING WORLD.
- 16 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
- 17 after the date it is enacted into law.