

HOUSE BILL No. 5188

December 17, 2015, Introduced by Reps. Phelps, Brinks, Yanez, Faris, Howrylak, Chang, Singh, Plawecki, Hoadley, Rutledge, Talabi, Love, Chirkun, Derek Miller, Glenn, Wittenberg, Schor, Moss, Guerra, Durhal, Santana, LaFontaine, Sarah Roberts, Maturen, LaVoy, Zemke, Garrett, Cochran, Irwin, Dianda, Brunner, Darany, Liberati, Gay-Dagnogo, Pagan, Neeley, Kosowski, Smiley, Callton, Graves, Price, Crawford, Hooker, Pagel, Bizon, Inman, Lucido, Runestad, Vaupel, Garcia, Cox and Aaron Miller and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1937 PA 72, entitled
"Division on deafness act,"
by amending section 4 (MCL 408.204), as amended by 1988 PA 434.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 4. (1) Under the supervision of the department, the
2 division shall do all of the following:

3 (a) Advocate for **DEAF, DEAFBLIND, AND HARD OF** hearing ~~impaired~~
4 persons who encounter communication and other difficulties in
5 employment, education, public accommodation, public service, and
6 housing.

7 (b) Work closely with all public and privately funded
8 organizations that provide developmental, educational, financial,
9 preventative, protective, placement, recreational, rehabilitative,
10 or health services to **DEAF, DEAFBLIND, AND HARD OF** hearing ~~impaired~~
11 persons.

1 (c) Encourage providers of services to **DEAF, DEAFBLIND, AND**
2 **HARD OF** hearing ~~impaired~~ persons to improve the quality and
3 coordination of their delivery systems.

4 (d) Provide information on deafness to **DEAF, DEAFBLIND, AND**
5 **HARD OF** hearing ~~impaired~~ persons and the public.

6 (e) Provide information and referral services to **DEAF,**
7 **DEAFBLIND, AND HARD OF** hearing ~~impaired~~ persons to ~~insure~~ **ENSURE**
8 that their rights are protected.

9 (f) Provide information to **DEAF, DEAFBLIND, AND HARD OF**
10 hearing ~~impaired~~ persons on programs and services provided for them
11 by each level of government.

12 (g) Promote new services, when necessary, for **DEAF, DEAFBLIND,**
13 **AND HARD OF** hearing ~~impaired~~ persons.

14 (h) Sponsor or cosponsor conferences, workshops, or seminars
15 to educate **DEAF, DEAFBLIND, AND HARD OF** hearing ~~impaired~~ persons
16 and the public about deafness.

17 (i) Maintain statistics, facts, and data pertaining to **DEAF,**
18 **DEAFBLIND, AND HARD OF** hearing ~~impaired~~ persons of all ages and
19 degrees of hearing loss.

20 (j) Provide technical assistance to state agencies and the
21 public regarding communication accessibility for **DEAF, DEAFBLIND,**
22 **AND HARD OF** hearing ~~impaired~~ persons.

23 (k) ~~Provide direct interpreter services to~~ **COORDINATE WITH**
24 state agencies, the legislature, and the governor **ON REQUESTS FOR**
25 **DIRECT INTERPRETER SERVICES.**

26 (l) Fulfill its duties under the deaf persons' interpreters
27 act, ~~Act No. 204 of the Public Acts of 1982, being sections 393.501~~

1 ~~to 393.509 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. 1982 PA 204, MCL 393.501~~
2 **TO 393.509.**

3 (2) The division may assess reasonable fees for conferences
4 sponsored or cosponsored by the division, the use of materials
5 developed by the division, and for services provided by the
6 division.

7 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
8 after the date it is enacted into law.