HOUSE BILL No. 5771

July 13, 2016, Introduced by Reps. Santana, Kosowski, Heise, LaFontaine, Inman, Cox and
Darany and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 260, entitled

"An act to revise and codify the laws relating to blind persons and
persons with a visual disability; to create a commission; to
prescribe its powers and duties and those of other state agencies
relative to blind persons; to provide services, education,
training, and assistance to blind persons; to regulate concessions
operated by blind persons; to transfer powers, duties, functions,
and appropriations; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

by amending section 3 (MCL 393.353); and to repeal acts and parts

of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1   Sec. 3. (1) The commission shall establish and maintain

2 services as needed for determining the cause and prevention of

3 blindness. The examination to certify statutory blindness may be

4 performed by either an ophthalmologist or physician skilled in the

5 diseases of the eye; or a licensed optometrist, whichever the

6 person ~~shall select.~~ **SELECTS.** When a blind or partially blind

7 person can be benefited by treatment, the commission shall arrange

1 for the necessary treatment, with the consent of the person, by an

2 ophthalmologist or physician skilled in the diseases of the eye, a

3 licensed optometrist, or both. An examination shall be provided

4 without charge to the applicant for services to the blind. Unless

5 other funds are available, the examination, and treatment if

6 provided, shall be paid for by the commission.

7   (2) The commission may contract with the department of ~~social~~

8 **HEALTH AND HUMAN** services ~~or the department of public health~~ to

9 provide eye examinations for applicants for aid to the blind.

10   Enacting section 1. Section 16 of 1978 PA 260, MCL 393.366, is

11 repealed.

12   Enacting section 2. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days

13 after the date it is enacted into law.