

SENATE BILL No. 694

January 13, 2016, Introduced by Senators WARREN, O'BRIEN, KNOLLENBERG, ZORN, GREGORY, JOHNSON, HERTEL, BIEDA, HOOD, KNEZEK, HUNE, SMITH, SCHUITMAKER, PAVLOV, BOOHER and EMMONS and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

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) ~~(e)~~ "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. A HARD
16 OF HEARING PERSON MAY OR MAY NOT USE SIGN LANGUAGE.

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