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**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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**Introduced by Senators Warren, O'Brien, Knollenberg, Zorn, Gregory, Johnson, Hertel, Bieda, Hood, Knezek, Hune, Smith, Schuitmaker, Pavlov, Booher and Emmons**

# **ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 694**

AN ACT to amend 1937 PA 72, entitled "An act to establish the division on deafness and the advisory council on deafness within the department of labor; to prescribe the powers and duties of the department, the division, the council, and certain state officers; to establish a fund and provide for expenditures from that fund; and to provide for an appropriation," by amending section 2 (MCL 408.202), as amended by 1988 PA 434.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Council" means the advisory council on deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing established in section 5.

(b) "Deaf person" means a person who is not able to process information aurally, with or without amplification, and whose primary means of communication is visual or by receiving spoken language through other sensory input, including, but not limited to, lipreading, sign language, finger spelling, or reading.

(c) "Deafblind person" means a person who has a combination of hearing loss and vision loss, and that combination necessitates specialized interpretation of spoken and written information in a manner appropriate to each person's dual sensory loss.

(d) "Department" means the department of civil rights.

(e) "Division" means the division on deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing established in section 3.

(f) "Hard of hearing person" means a person who has hearing loss that ranges from mild to profound. A hard of hearing person uses his or her residual hearing, a hearing aid, a cochlear implant, hearing assistive technology, communication access realtime translation (CART), speech reading, or other communication strategies and remains in the hearing world.

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

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Secretary of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved .....

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Governor