

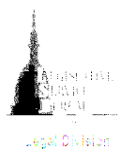
HOUSE BILL NO. 6140

September 01, 2020, Introduced by Reps. Hoitenga, Love, Cynthia Neeley, Bolden, Cynthia Johnson, Kuppa, Coleman, Pohutsky, Stone, Hood, Koleszar, Ellison, Sabo, Hertel, Sowerby, Yaroach, Tate, Haadsma, Gay-Dagnogo, Yancey, Garrett, Rabhi, Brenda Carter, Tyrone Carter, Peterson, Witwer and Inman and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding sections 21334 and 21737.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 21334. (1) A home for the aged shall make available to a
- 2 resident of the home for the aged a mobile electronic device to
- 3 allow the resident to make and receive personal video calls.
- 4 (2) For the purpose described in subsection (1), the
- 5 department of health and human services shall provide at least 2



1 mobile electronic devices immediately to each home for the aged
2 that is a COVID-19 regional hub and by October 1, 2020 to each home
3 for the aged that is not a COVID-19 regional hub.

4 (3) If a home for the aged cannot meet the requirement of
5 subsection (1), the home for the aged may apply to the department
6 for a waiver in a form and manner required by the department. The
7 department shall establish by rule the requirements for obtaining a
8 waiver under this subsection. In determining whether to grant or
9 deny a waiver under this subsection, the department shall consider
10 any technological limitation not within the control of the home for
11 the aged or any other exceptional circumstance.

12 (4) As used in this section:

13 (a) "COVID-19 regional hub" means a hub as designated by the
14 department of health and human services.

15 (b) "Mobile electronic device" means a mobile device that is
16 capable of making and receiving video calls.

17 Sec. 21737. (1) A nursing home shall make available to a
18 resident a mobile electronic device to allow the resident to make
19 and receive personal video calls.

20 (2) For the purpose described in subsection (1), the
21 department of health and human services shall provide at least 2
22 mobile electronic devices immediately to each nursing home that is
23 a COVID-19 regional hub and by October 1, 2020 to each nursing home
24 that is not a COVID-19 regional hub.

25 (3) If a nursing home cannot meet the requirement of
26 subsection (1), the nursing home may apply to the department for a
27 waiver in a form and manner required by the department. The
28 department shall establish by rule the requirements for obtaining a
29 waiver under this subsection. In determining whether to grant or



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