

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFIT RESTRICTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 297 of 2011**

**15.582 Definitions.**

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Medical benefits" means medical, optical, or dental benefits, including, but not limited to, hospital and physician services, prescription drugs, and related benefits.

(b) "Public employee" means a person holding a position by appointment or employment in the government of this state; in the government of 1 or more of the political subdivisions of this state; in the public school service; in a public or special district; in the service of an authority, commission, or board of this state or a political subdivision of this state; or in any other branch of the public service.

**History:** 2011, Act 297, Imd. Eff. Dec. 22, 2011.

**Constitutionality:** The court in *Bassett v Snyder*, 59 F Supp 3d 837 (ED Mich, 2014), held that sections 3 and 4 of the public employee domestic partner benefit restriction act, 2011 PA 297, MCL 15.583 and 15.584, violated the Equal Protection Clause of the United States Constitution. The court granted a permanent injunction against enforcing the act.