

**THE SOCIAL WELFARE ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 280 of 1939**

**400.15 Gifts; acceptance by commission; duties of attorney general.**

Sec. 15. The commission may receive on behalf of the state of Michigan any grant, devise, bequest, donation, gift, or assignment of money, bonds, or choses in action, or any property, real or personal, and accept that property, so that the right and title to that property shall pass to the state of Michigan. All bonds, notes, or choses in action, or the proceeds of the bonds, notes, or choses in action when collected, and all other property or things of value received by the commission shall be reported to the state treasurer and used for the purposes set forth in the grant, devise, bequest, donation, gift, or assignment if such purposes are within the powers conferred on the commission. If it is necessary to protect or assert the right or title to any property received or derived under this section, or to collect or reduce into possession any bond, note, bill, or chose in action, the attorney general, upon request of the commission, shall take the necessary and proper proceedings and bring suit in the name of the commission on behalf of the state of Michigan in any court of competent jurisdiction, state or federal, and prosecute all such suits.

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