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Introduced by Senators Posthumus, Faust and Engler

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 351

AN ACT to amend section 5238 of Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1956, entitled as amended "An act to revise, consolidate, and classify the laws relating to the insurance and surety business; to regulate the incorporation or formation of domestic insurance and surety companies and associations and the admission of foreign and alien companies and associations; to provide their rights, powers, and immunities and to prescribe the conditions on which companies and associations organized, existing, or authorized under this act may exercise their powers; to provide the rights, powers, and immunities and to prescribe the conditions on which other persons, firms, corporations, and associations engaged in an insurance or surety business may exercise their powers; to provide for the imposition of a privilege fee on domestic insurance companies and associations and the state accident fund; to provide for the imposition of a tax on the business of foreign and alien companies and associations; to provide for the imposition of a tax on the business of surplus line agents; to modify tort liability arising out of certain accidents; to provide for limited actions with respect to that modified tort liability, and to prescribe certain procedures for maintaining those actions; to require security for losses arising out of certain accidents; to provide for the continued availability and affordability of automobile insurance and homeowners insurance in this state, and to facilitate the purchase of that insurance by all residents of this state at fair and reasonable rates; to provide for certain reporting with respect to insurance, and with respect to certain claims against uninsured or self-insured persons; and to prescribe duties for certain state departments and officers with respect to that reporting; to provide for certain assessments; to establish and continue certain state insurance funds; to modify and clarify the status, rights, powers, duties, and operations of the nonprofit malpractice insurance fund; to provide for the departmental supervision and regulation of the insurance and surety business within this state; to provide for the conservation, rehabilitation, or liquidation of unsound or insolvent insurers; to provide for the protection of policyholders, claimants, and creditors of unsound or insolvent insurers; to provide for associations of insurers to protect policyholders and claimants in the event of insurer insolvencies; to prescribe educational requirements for insurance agents and solicitors; to provide for the regulation of multiple employer welfare arrangements; to create an automobile theft prevention authority to reduce the number of automobile thefts in this state; to prescribe the powers and duties of the automobile theft prevention authority; to provide certain powers and duties upon certain officials, departments, and authorities of this state; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts on specific dates; and to provide penalties for the violation of this act," as amended by Act No. 338 of the Public Acts of 1982, being section 500.5238 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. Section 5238 of Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended by Act No. 338 of the Public Acts of 1982, being section 500.5238 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5238. In all insurers organized under the laws of Michigan, at least 1 of the trustees or directors shall be a resident of the state of Michigan. The articles of incorporation or bylaws of an insurer other than a stock insurer may provide that a director shall be a policyholder of the insurer.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.	
	Secretary of the Senate.
	Clerk of the House of Representatives.
Approved	
Governor.	

Section 2. This amendatory act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

