

HOUSE BILL No. 4557

April 10, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Rocca, Weeks, Dutko, Clack, Spaniola, Webb, Griffin, Maynard and DeMars and referred to the Committee on Insurance.

A bill to amend Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1956, entitled as amended

"The insurance code of 1956,"

as amended, being sections 500.100 to 500.8302 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, by adding section 239.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1956, as
2 amended, being sections 500.100 to 500.8302 of the Michigan
3 Compiled Laws, is amended by adding section 239 to read as
4 follows:

5 SEC. 239. (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

6 (A) "SENIOR CITIZEN" MEANS A STATE RESIDENT WHO IS 60 YEARS
7 OF AGE OR OLDER, AND THE SPOUSE OF THAT STATE RESIDENT REGARDLESS
8 OF AGE.

1 (B) "UNIT" MEANS THE SENIOR CITIZEN HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISOR
2 UNIT CREATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2).

3 (2) THE COMMISSIONER IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF
4 THE OFFICE OF SERVICES TO THE AGING SHALL ESTABLISH A SENIOR CIT-
5 IZEN HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISOR UNIT WITHIN THE INSURANCE BUREAU.

6 (3) THE UNIT SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

7 (A) ESTABLISH LOCAL SENIOR CITIZEN HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISOR
8 UNITS IN AREA AGENCIES ON AGING.

9 (B) RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS EDUCATORS AND INSURANCE
10 INFORMATION RESOURCE PERSONS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.

11 (C) PROVIDE AN INITIAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTEERS OF AT
12 LEAST 25 HOURS OF TRAINING IN THE BASICS OF DISABILITY INSURANCE,
13 WITH A FOCUS ON MEDICARE, MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT COVERAGE, LONG-TERM
14 CARE COVERAGE, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.

15 (D) PROVIDE TRAINING PROGRAMS AND INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS
16 AS NEEDED TO SUPPLEMENT THE INITIAL TRAINING PROGRAM.