

# HOUSE BILL No. 5809

July 5, 1988, Introduced by Reps. Hunter, Emerson, Harrison, Joe Young, Sr., Stallworth, Kilpatrick, Hollister, Richard A. Young, O'Neill, Jacobetti, DeMars, Hertel, Perry Bullard, Barns, Bartnik, Gubow, Brotherton, Knight, Ostling, Dunaskiss, Munsell and Joe Young, Jr. and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

A bill to amend Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978,  
entitled as amended  
"Public health code,"  
as amended, being sections 333.1101 to 333.25211 of the Michigan  
Compiled Laws, by adding sections 2501, 2502, 2503, and 2504.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Section 1. Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, as  
2 amended, being sections 333.1101 to 333.25211 of the Michigan  
3 Compiled Laws, is amended by adding sections 2501, 2502, 2503,  
4 and 2504 to read as follows:

5       SEC. 2501. AS USED IN THIS PART:

6       (A) "OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH CREATED IN  
7 THIS SECTION.

8       (B) "MINORITY" MEANS BLACKS, HISPANICS, NATIVE AMERICANS,  
9 ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS, AND ARAB-AMERICANS.

1 SEC. 2502. THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH IS CREATED WITHIN  
2 THE DEPARTMENT.

3 SEC. 2503. THE DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
4 OFFICE. THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE SHALL REPORT TO THE  
5 DIRECTOR.

6 SEC. 2504. THE OFFICE SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

7 (A) INVESTIGATE AND REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR, THE GOVERNOR,  
8 AND THE LEGISLATURE ON CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE HEALTH OF  
9 MINORITIES.

10 (B) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DIRECTOR AND THE GOVERNOR ON  
11 REMEDIES FOR ELIMINATING INEQUITIES BETWEEN MINORITY AND MAJORITY  
12 HEALTH STATUS AND ON BUDGET AND GRANT REQUESTS FOR MINORITY  
13 HEALTH PROGRAMS.

14 (C) ADVOCATE FOR ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EFFECTIVE  
15 MEASURES TO IMPROVE MINORITY HEALTH.

16 (D) PROVIDE CONSULTATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO AGEN-  
17 CIES AND GROUPS ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE MINORITY HEALTH PROGRAMS  
18 FOR THE PURPOSES OF PLANNING, PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT, ADMINISTRA-  
19 TION, AND EVALUATION.

20 (E) FUND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO CONDUCT SPECIAL  
21 RESEARCH, DEMONSTRATION, AND EVALUATION PROJECTS DESIGNED TO  
22 DEVELOP MODEL PROGRAMS PROMOTING MINORITY HEALTH.

23 (F) INCREASE PUBLIC AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AWARENESS OF  
24 MINORITY HEALTH CONCERNS, AND ENCOURAGE, PROMOTE, AND AID IN THE  
25 ESTABLISHMENT OF MINORITY HEALTH PROGRAMS.

1 (G) FORM AND COORDINATE A NETWORK OF COMMUNITY HEALTH ACTION  
2 TEAMS TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS AND MONITOR RESULTS ON A COMMUNITY  
3 BASIS.

4 (H) PROVIDE INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO PROMOTE  
5 MINORITY HEALTH.

6 (I) EVALUATE THE EFFECT OF FEDERAL AND STATE STATUTES ON  
7 MINORITY HEALTH AND RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE CHANGES TO THE DIREC-  
8 TOR, THE GOVERNOR, AND THE LEGISLATURE.

9 (J) PROVIDE ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORI-  
10 TIES TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAM  
11 IMPLEMENTATION.

12 (K) OTHER ACTIVITIES RELATED TO MINORITY HEALTH AS ASSIGNED  
13 BY THE DIRECTOR.