

HOUSE BILL No. 4401

February 27, 1991, Introduced by Reps. Hunter, Emerson, Hollister, Bennane, Bandstra, McBryde, Bodem, Martin and Murphy 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 part 25.

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 part 25 to read as follows:

4 PART 25.

5 MINORITY HEALTH

6 SEC. 2501. (1) AS USED IN THIS PART:

7 (A) "AIDS" MEANS ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME.

8 (B) "MINORITY" MEANS AN ETHNIC PERSON OF COLOR INCLUDING,
9 BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A BLACK, AN HISPANIC, A NATIVE AMERICAN, AN

1 ASIAN INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A CHINESE, JAPANESE, KOREAN,
2 SOUTHEAST ASIAN, SAMOAN, OR PACIFIC ISLANDER, A FILIPINO, OR AN
3 ARAB-AMERICAN.

4 (C) "OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH CREATED IN
5 SECTION 2503.

6 (2) IN ADDITION, ARTICLE I CONTAINS GENERAL DEFINITIONS AND
7 PRINCIPLES OF CONSTRUCTION APPLICABLE TO ALL ARTICLES IN THIS
8 CODE.

9 SEC. 2503. THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH IS CREATED WITHIN
10 THE DEPARTMENT.

11 SEC. 2505. THE DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT THE DIRECTOR OF THE
12 OFFICE. THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE SHALL REPORT TO THE
13 DIRECTOR.

14 SEC. 2507. THE OFFICE SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

15 (A) INVESTIGATE AND REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR, THE GOVERNOR,
16 AND THE LEGISLATURE ON CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE HEALTH OF
17 MINORITIES.

18 (B) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DIRECTOR AND THE GOVERNOR ON
19 REMEDIES FOR ELIMINATING INEQUITIES BETWEEN MINORITY AND MAJORITY
20 HEALTH STATUS AND ON BUDGET AND GRANT REQUESTS FOR MINORITY
21 HEALTH PROGRAMS.

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

24 (D) PROVIDE CONSULTATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO AGEN-
25 CIES AND GROUPS ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE MINORITY HEALTH PROGRAMS
26 FOR THE PURPOSES OF PLANNING, PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT,
27 ADMINISTRATION, AND EVALUATION.

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

4 (F) INCREASE PUBLIC AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AWARENESS OF
5 MINORITY HEALTH CONCERNS, AND ENCOURAGE, PROMOTE, AND AID IN THE
6 ESTABLISHMENT OF MINORITY HEALTH PROGRAMS.

7 (G) IN COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OFFICE THAT ADMINIS-
8 TERS AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAMS, DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN AIDS EDU-
9 CATION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF MINORITIES
10 AND REPORT TO THE HOUSE AND SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES WITH
11 JURISDICTION OVER PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS REGARDING THE STATUS OF
12 THAT PROGRAM NO LATER THAN 1 YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
13 THIS PART.

14 (H) FORM AND COORDINATE A NETWORK OF COMMUNITY HEALTH ACTION
15 TEAMS TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS AND MONITOR RESULTS ON A COMMUNITY
16 BASIS.

17 (I) PROVIDE INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO PROMOTE
18 MINORITY HEALTH.

19 (J) EVALUATE THE EFFECT OF FEDERAL AND STATE STATUTES ON
20 MINORITY HEALTH AND RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE CHANGES TO THE DIREC-
21 TOR, THE GOVERNOR, AND THE LEGISLATURE.

22 (K) PROVIDE ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORI-
23 TIES TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAM
24 IMPLEMENTATION.

25 (L) PERFORM OTHER ACTIVITIES RELATED TO MINORITY HEALTH AS
26 ASSIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR.

1 SEC. 2509. (1) THE MINORITY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS
2 CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE PUBLIC
3 HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL.

4 (2) THE MINORITY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF
5 11 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. A MEMBER SHALL SERVE FOR A
6 TERM OF 2 YEARS OR UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED. THE GOVERNOR
7 SHALL APPOINT A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL TO
8 SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE MINORITY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
9 THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MINORITY
10 HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING GROUPS:

11 (A) PUBLIC HEALTH CARE AGENCIES.

12 (B) PRIVATE HEALTH CARE AGENCIES.

13 (C) COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS.

14 (D) THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

15 (E) INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

16 (F) EACH OF THE GROUPS INCLUDED IN THE DEFINITION OF
17 "MINORITY" UNDER SECTION 2501.

18 (3) THE GOVERNOR SHALL FILL A VACANCY ON THE MINORITY HEALTH
19 ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN THE SAME MANNER AS AN ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT
20 FOR THE BALANCE OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

21 (4) THE MINORITY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL ADVISE THE
22 OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND THE DIRECTOR ON NEEDS, POLICIES,
23 AND PROGRAMS RELATED TO IMPROVING THE HEALTH STATUS OF MINORITIES
24 IN MICHIGAN.

25 (5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REIMBURSE MINORITY HEALTH ADVISORY
26 COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THEIR NECESSARY TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR
27 ATTENDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 1216.

1 (6) THE MINORITY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS SUBJECT TO
2 SECTION 2215.