



SENATE BILL No. 302

January 28, 1993, Introduced by Senator PRIDNIA and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend section 2612 of Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, entitled as amended "Public health code," as added by Act No. 138 of the Public Acts of 1990, being section 333.2612 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to repeal certain parts of the act on specific dates.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 2612 of Act No. 368 of the Public Acts
2 of 1978, as added by Act No. 138 of the Public Acts of 1990,
3 being section 333.2612 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 2612. (1) The department may establish with Michigan
6 state university and other parties determined appropriate by the
7 department a nonprofit corporation pursuant to the nonprofit
8 corporation act, Act No. 162 of the Public Acts of 1982, being

1 sections 450.2101 to 450.3192 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. The
2 purpose of the corporation shall be to establish and operate a
3 center for rural health. In fulfilling its purpose, the corpora-
4 tion shall do all of the following:

5 (a) Develop a coordinated rural health program that
6 addresses critical questions and problems related to rural health
7 and provides mechanisms for influencing health care policy.

8 (b) Perform and coordinate research regarding rural health
9 issues.

10 (c) Periodically review state and federal laws and judicial
11 decisions pertaining to health care policy and analyze the impact
12 on the delivery of rural health care.

13 (d) Provide technical assistance and act as a resource for
14 the rural health community in this state.

15 (e) Suggest changes in medical education curriculum that
16 would be beneficial to rural health.

17 (f) Assist rural communities with all of the following:

18 (i) Applications for grants.

19 (ii) The recruitment and retention of health professionals.

20 (iii) Needs assessments and planning activities for rural
21 health facilities.

22 (g) Serve as an advocate for rural health concerns.

23 (h) Conduct periodic seminars on rural health issues.

24 (i) Establish and implement a visiting professor program.

25 (j) Conduct consumer oriented rural health education
26 programs.

1 (k) Designate a certificate of need ombudsman to provide
2 technical assistance and consultation to rural health care
3 providers and rural communities regarding certificate of need
4 proposals and applications under part 222. The ombudsman shall
5 also act as an advocate for rural health concerns in the develop-
6 ment of certificate of need review standards under part 222.

7 (2) The incorporators of the corporation shall select a
8 board of directors consisting of a representative from each of
9 the following organizations:

10 (a) The Michigan state medical society or its successor.
11 The representative appointed under this subdivision shall be a
12 physician practicing in a county with a population of not more
13 than 100,000.

14 (b) The Michigan osteopathic physicians' society or its
15 successor. The representative appointed under this subdivision
16 shall be a physician practicing in a county with a population of
17 not more than 100,000.

18 (c) The Michigan nurses association or its successor. The
19 representative appointed under this subdivision shall be a nurse
20 practicing in a county with a population of not more than
21 100,000.

22 (d) The Michigan hospital association or its successor. The
23 representative selected under this subdivision shall be from a
24 hospital in a county with a population of not more than 100,000.

25 (e) The Michigan primary care association or its successor.
26 The representative appointed under this subdivision shall be a

1 health professional practicing in a county with a population of
2 not more than 100,000.

3 (f) The Michigan association for local public health or its
4 successor. The representative appointed from a county health
5 department for a county with a population of not more than
6 100,000 or from a district health department with at least 1
7 member county with a population of not more than 100,000.

8 (g) The office of the governor.

9 (h) The department of public health.

10 (i) The department of commerce.

11 (j) The Michigan senate. The individual selected under this
12 subdivision shall be from a district located at least in part in
13 a county with a population of not more than 100,000.

14 (k) The Michigan house of representatives. The individual
15 selected under this subdivision shall be from a district located
16 at least in part in a county with a population of not more than
17 100,000.

18 (3) The board of directors of the corporation shall appoint
19 an internal management committee for the center for rural
20 health. The management committee shall consist of representa-
21 tives from each of the following:

22 (a) The college of human medicine of Michigan state
23 university.

24 (b) The college of osteopathic medicine of Michigan state
25 university.

26 (c) The college of nursing of Michigan state university.

1 (d) The college of veterinary medicine of Michigan state
2 university.

3 (e) The cooperative extension service of Michigan state
4 university.

5 (f) The department of public health.

6 (4) This section is repealed effective January 26, 1995.