

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4912**

A bill to amend 1998 PA 386, entitled  
"Estates and protected individuals code,"  
by amending sections 5414 and 5415 (MCL 700.5414 and 700.5415) and  
by adding section 5312a.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           **Sec. 5312a. (1) The court may appoint a temporary guardian**  
2 **under section 5301a or this section.**

3           **(2) If a guardian has not been appointed or an appointed**  
4 **guardian is not effectively performing the guardian's duties and**  
5 **the court further finds that the alleged incapacitated individual**  
6 **or ward's welfare requires immediate action, the court may appoint**  
7 **a temporary guardian under this section for a specified period not**  
8 **to exceed 6 months. The court shall not appoint a temporary**



1 guardian under this subsection unless either of the following  
2 conditions is met:

3 (a) Oral or written notice of the hearing was provided to all  
4 interested persons.

5 (b) If the petitioner has not provided notice of the hearing  
6 to all interested persons, the petitioner submits a written  
7 explanation to the court to detail the efforts, if any, that the  
8 petitioner has made to provide notice and the reason why provided  
9 notice should not be required.

10 (3) A temporary guardian is entitled to the care and custody  
11 of the ward, and the authority of a permanent guardian previously  
12 appointed by the court is suspended while a temporary guardian has  
13 authority. A temporary guardian may be removed at any time. A  
14 temporary guardian shall make reports as the court requires. In  
15 other respects, the provisions of this act concerning guardians  
16 apply to temporary guardians.

17 Sec. 5414. (1) The court may remove a conservator for good  
18 cause, ~~upon~~ on notice and hearing, or accept a conservator's  
19 resignation. ~~Upon~~ On the conservator's death, resignation, or  
20 removal, the court may appoint another conservator. A conservator  
21 ~~se~~ appointed under this subsection succeeds to the title and powers  
22 of the predecessor.

23 (2) The protected individual or a person interested in the  
24 protected individual's welfare may petition for an order removing  
25 the conservator, appointing a successor conservator, modifying the  
26 terms of the conservatorship, or terminating the conservatorship. A  
27 request for this order under this subsection may be made by  
28 informal letter to the court. A person who knowingly interferes  
29 with transmission of a request described in this subsection to the



1 court is subject to a finding of contempt of court. A petition for  
 2 an order appointing a successor conservator under this subsection  
 3 is subject to the priority of appointment under section 5409.

4 Sec. 5415. (1) A person interested in the welfare of an  
 5 individual for whom a conservator is appointed may file a petition  
 6 in the appointing court for an order to do any of the following:

7 (a) Require bond or security or additional bond or security,  
 8 or reduce bond.

9 (b) Require an accounting for the administration of the trust.

10 (c) Direct distribution.

11 (d) Remove the conservator and appoint a temporary or  
 12 successor conservator.

13 (e) Grant other appropriate relief.

14 (2) A conservator may petition the appointing court for  
 15 instructions concerning fiduciary responsibility. ~~Upon~~ On notice  
 16 and hearing, the court may give appropriate instructions or make an  
 17 appropriate order.

18 **(3) A petition for an order appointing a successor conservator**  
 19 **under subsection (1) is subject to the priority of appointment**  
 20 **under section 5409.**

21 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect January  
 22 1, 2025.

23 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
 24 unless all of the following bills of the 102nd Legislature are  
 25 enacted into law:

26 (a) House Bill No. 4909.

27 (b) House Bill No. 4910.

28 (c) House Bill No. 4911.

29 (d) House Bill No. 5047.

