

**THE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY ACT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 112 of 1988**

**450.794 Designation of certifying agency by governor; acceptable documentation; verification; application form; affidavit and documentation; proof required.**

Sec. 4.

(1) The governor shall designate a department responsible for certifying that a person meets the requirements of this act.

(2) Unless subsection (3) applies, in determining whether a person seeking certification is a person with disabilities, the certifying agency may accept documentation from 1 or more of the following:

(a) The Michigan commission for the blind, Michigan rehabilitation services, or the social security administration SSI or SSDI programs. The documents shall show that the current disability was the basis for eligibility in the program within the last 5 years.

(b) The veterans administration. The documents shall show that the person has a 30% or greater disability rating.

(c) A licensed physician or psychiatrist, who shall certify that the person has a significant disability.

(3) The certifying department may require any person seeking certification to obtain verification pursuant to subsection (2)(c) to insure that the applicant currently meets the definition of a person with disabilities.

(4) An applicant seeking certification as a business owned by a person with disabilities shall complete an application form developed by the certifying department and submit to the certifying department an affidavit and documentation that the applicant is a business owned by a person with disabilities and is prepared to bid on state contracts. Proof of ownership interest, control, operational involvement, and profit and loss shall be specifically identified and provided with the affidavit.

**History:** 1988, Act 112, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989 ;-- Am. 1998, Act 73, Imd. Eff. May 4, 1998

**Compiler's Notes:** For transfer of powers and duties of the commission for the blind from family independence agency to department of labor and economic growth by Type II transfer, see E.R.O. No. 2003-1, compiled at MCL 445.2011. For transfer of powers and duties of commission for the blind to bureau of services for blind persons within department of licensing and regulatory affairs, see E.R.O. No. 2012-5, compiled at MCL 445.2033.