[No. 422]

(HB 4682)

AN ACT to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 16204b.

## The People of the State of Michigan enact:

333.16204b Treatment of intractable pain; enactment of legislation; definitions. [M.S.A. 14.15(16204b)]

Sec. 16204b. (1) The legislature finds that the treatment of intractable pain is an appropriate issue for the legislature to consider, and that the citizens of this state would be well served by the enactment of legislation that accomplishes all of the following:

- (a) Provides more and better information to health care consumers regarding the medical treatment of intractable pain, health care coverage and benefits for the treatment of intractable pain, and the education of health professionals in pain and symptom management.
- (b) Provides for the appointment of an advisory body to study and make recommendations on model core curricula on pain and symptom management for the institutions in this state providing health care education, continuing education for health professionals on pain and symptom management, and the integration of pain and symptom management into the customary practice of health care.
- (c) Educates health professionals about the official prescription form program and the disciplinary process for state licensees and registrants, including, but not limited to, how the department of consumer and industry services processes allegations of wrongdoing against licensees and registrants.
  - (2) As used in this section:
  - (a) "Intractable pain" means that term as defined in section 16204a.
  - (b) "Official prescription form" means that term as defined in section 7107.

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Effective date.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect April 1, 1999.

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