SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4976

A bill to amend 1978 PA 232, entitled

"An act to permit banks and savings and loan associations to suspend business in the event of an existing or impending emergency; to prescribe the powers and duties of bank and savings and loan association officers and certain state officials; and to declare the legal effect of the suspensions of business authorized by this act,"

by amending the title and sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 (MCL 487.941, 487.942, 487.943, 487.944, 487.945, and 487.946).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

TITLE

An act to permit banks and savings and loan associations

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS to suspend business in the event of an existing or impending emergency; to prescribe the powers and duties of bank and savings and loan association—FINANCIAL INSTITUTION officers and certain state AGENCIES AND officials; and to declare

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- 1 the legal effect of the suspensions of business authorized by this
- **2** act.
- 3 Sec. 1. As used in this act:
- 4 (a) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the financial
- 5 institutions bureau of the department of commerce or his or her
- 6 authorized representative— OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE
- 7 SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND ECONOMIC GROWTH.
- 8 (b) "Bank" means a bank organized or reorganized under Act
- 9 No. 319 of the Public Acts of 1969, as amended, being sections
- 10 487.301 to 487.598 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or an industrial
- 11 bank or trust company incorporated under previously existing state
- 12 law, a branch or agency of a foreign banking organization, and, to
- 13 the extent that this act is not inconsistent with and does not
- 14 infringe upon paramount federal law, includes a national bank.
- 15 (c) "Association" means a state chartered savings and loan
- 16 association and to the extent that this act is not inconsistent
- 17 with and does not infringe upon paramount federal law, includes a
- 18 federal savings and loan association.
- 19 (d) "Officer" means a person designated by the board of
- 20 directors of a bank or association to carry out this act.
- 21 (e) "Office" means a place at which a bank or association
- 22 transacts its business or conducts operations related to its
- 23 business.
- 24 (B) (f)— "Emergency" means a condition or occurrence which
- 25 THAT HAS OR may, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, interfere physically with
- 26 the conduct of normal business operations -at an office of a bank
- 27 or association OF 1 OR MORE OFFICES OF A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, or

- 1 which poses an imminent or existing threat to the safety and
- 2 security of a person or property, or both. An emergency may arise
- 3 as a result of a fire, -; a flood, -; an earthquake, -; a
- 4 hurricane, -; a tornado, -; a wind, rain, -or snow storm; a
- 5 SNOWSTORM, labor dispute or strike, -; a power failure, -; a
- 6 transportation failure, -; an FUEL SHORTAGE, interruption of a
- 7 communication facility, -; a shortage of -fuel, housing -, OR
- 8 food, or transportation; a robbery or attempted robbery, ; an
- 9 actual or threatened enemy OR TERRORIST attack, -; an epidemic or
- 10 other catastrophe, -; a riot, civil commotion, -and OR ANY other
- 11 act of lawlessness or violence.
- 12 (C) "FINANCIAL INSTITUTION" MEANS A STATE CHARTERED BANK,
- 13 SAVINGS BANK, CREDIT UNION, OR SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OVER
- 14 WHICH THE COMMISSIONER HAS REGULATORY AUTHORITY FOR PURPOSES OF
- 15 THIS ACT.
- 16 (D) "OFFICE" MEANS A PLACE AT WHICH A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION
- 17 TRANSACTS ITS BUSINESS OR CONDUCTS OPERATIONS RELATED TO ITS
- 18 BUSINESS.
- 19 (E) "OFFICER" MEANS A PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF
- 20 DIRECTORS OF A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION TO CARRY OUT THIS ACT.
- 21 Sec. 2. (1) The commissioner may —, by proclamation, authorize
- 22 banks or associations AUTHORIZE OR ORDER A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION
- 23 to close an office when it appears to OR OFFICES IF the
- 24 commissioner **DETERMINES** that the action is required because an
- 25 emergency exists or may be impending. in this state which
- 26 directly or indirectly, may interfere with the conduct of normal
- 27 operations of a bank or association in the affected area. The

- House Bill No. 4976 (H-1) as amended January 24, 2006
- 1 office -so- OR OFFICES closed shall remain closed until the
- 2 commissioner proclaims DETERMINES that the emergency is ended AND
- 3 AUTHORIZES [OR ORDERS] THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION TO OPEN THE OFFICE OR OFFICES.
- 4 In connection with a proclamation issued under this section, the
- 5 THE commissioner shall promptly advise the governor of the issuance
- 6 of such a proclamation A DETERMINATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.
- 7 (2) The commissioner may authorize banks and associations A
- 8 FINANCIAL INSTITUTION to close on a day designated by proclamation
- 9 of the president of the United States or the governor of this state
- 10 as a day of national mourning, rejoicing, or other special
- 11 observance. The governor of this state by proclamation, in
- 12 connection with a day of national mourning, rejoicing, or other
- 13 special observance, may authorize banks and associations to close
- 14 on a day the governor designates.
- 15 Sec. 3. When the chief executive officer IF THE COMMISSIONER
- 16 HAS NOT MADE A DETERMINATION UNDER SECTION 2(1) AND THE CHIEF
- 17 EXECUTIVE OFFICER of a bank or association, or, in his absence the
- 18 officer serving as chief executive officer is of the opinion
- 19 FINANCIAL INSTITUTION OR ANOTHER OFFICER DESIGNATED BY THE
- 20 FINANCIAL INSTITUTION FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ACT DETERMINES that an
- 21 emergency exists —, or is impending, —which affects, or may affect
- 22 its offices, the officer may determine, in the reasonable and
- 23 proper exercise of the officer's discretion, not to open the office
- 24 on a business or banking day or, if having opened, to close the
- 25 office during the continuation of the emergency, even if the
- 26 commissioner has not issued and does not issue a proclamation of
- 27 emergency. The office so closed shall remain closed until the chief

- 1 executive officer of a bank or association, or, in his absence the
- 2 officer serving as chief executive officer determines that the
- 3 emergency has ended THE OFFICER MAY ORDER THAT AN OFFICE OR
- 4 OFFICES OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION BE CLOSED OR NOT OPEN.
- 5 Sec. 4. (1) A bank or association FINANCIAL INSTITUTION
- 6 closing OR NOT OPENING an office -pursuant to this act OR OFFICES
- 7 UNDER SECTION 3 shall give as prompt notice of its action, as
- 8 conditions permit and by any means available, to the commissioner
- 9 , or, in the case of a national bank, to the comptroller of the
- 10 currency, or, in the case of a federal association, to the federal
- 11 home loan bank board AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY
- 12 AS REQUIRED BY LAW.
- 13 (2) A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION THAT CLOSES OR DOES NOT OPEN AN
- 14 OFFICE OR OFFICES UNDER SECTION 3 SHALL REOPEN THE OFFICE OR
- 15 OFFICES AS SOON AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR OTHER DESIGNATED
- 16 OFFICER DETERMINES THAT THE EMERGENCY IS ENDED OR AS AUTHORIZED OR
- 17 ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONER.
- 18 Sec. 5. The period during which a bank or association is
- 19 closed pursuant to the authorization granted FINANCIAL INSTITUTION
- 20 IS CLOSED under this act -shall be- IS a legal holiday. -and a
- 21 bill, check, or note otherwise presentable for acceptance of
- 22 payment shall be deemed to be payable and presentable for
- 23 acceptance or payment on the next secular or business day following
- 24 the holiday.
- 25 Sec. 6. This act <u>shall not be construed to</u> **DOES NOT** alter
- 26 any of the obligations under law of a bank or association
- 27 FINANCIAL INSTITUTION to its employees or to the employees of

1 another employer.