

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5364

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding part 55A.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 PART 55A. ARTHRITIS PREVENTION AND CONTROL
2 SEC. 5551. THIS PART SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE
3 "ARTHRITIS PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT".
4 SEC. 5555. THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART ARE AS FOLLOWS:
5 (A) TO CREATE AND FOSTER A STATEWIDE PROGRAM THAT PROMOTES
6 PUBLIC AWARENESS AND INCREASES KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE CAUSES OF
7 ARTHRITIS, THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND APPROPRIATE
8 MANAGEMENT, EFFECTIVE PREVENTION STRATEGIES, AND PAIN PREVENTION
9 AND MANAGEMENT.
10 (B) TO DEVELOP KNOWLEDGE AND ENHANCE UNDERSTANDING OF
11 ARTHRITIS BY DISSEMINATING EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, INFORMATION ON

1 RESEARCH RESULTS, SERVICES PROVIDED, AND STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTION
2 AND CONTROL TO PATIENTS, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, AND THE PUBLIC.

3 (C) TO ESTABLISH A SOLID SCIENTIFIC BASE OF KNOWLEDGE ON THE
4 PREVENTION OF ARTHRITIS AND RELATED DISABILITY THROUGH
5 SURVEILLANCE, EPIDEMIOLOGY, AND PREVENTION RESEARCH.

6 (D) TO UTILIZE EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING RESOURCES AND SERVICES
7 DEVELOPED BY ORGANIZATIONS WITH APPROPRIATE EXPERTISE AND KNOWLEDGE
8 OF ARTHRITIS AND TO USE AVAILABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

9 (E) TO EVALUATE THE NEED FOR IMPROVING THE QUALITY AND
10 ACCESSIBILITY OF EXISTING COMMUNITY-BASED ARTHRITIS SERVICES.

11 (F) TO HEIGHTEN AWARENESS ABOUT THE PREVENTION, DETECTION, AND
12 TREATMENT OF ARTHRITIS AMONG STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS,
13 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, AND POLICY
14 MAKERS.

15 (G) TO IMPLEMENT AND COORDINATE STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS AND
16 SERVICES TO REDUCE THE PUBLIC HEALTH BURDEN OF ARTHRITIS.

17 (H) TO ADEQUATELY FUND THE PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION
18 (G) ON A STATE LEVEL.

19 (I) TO PROVIDE LASTING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH
20 CARE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH ARTHRITIS AND THEIR FAMILIES, THUS
21 IMPROVING THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE WHILE ALSO CONTAINING HEALTH CARE
22 COSTS.

23 SEC. 5557. UPON APPROPRIATION OF NECESSARY FUNDING, THE
24 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

25 (A) PROVIDE SUFFICIENT STAFF TO IMPLEMENT THE ARTHRITIS
26 PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM.

27 (B) PROVIDE APPROPRIATE TRAINING FOR THE STAFF OF THE

1 ARTHRITIS PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM.

2 (C) IDENTIFY THE APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE
3 PROGRAM.

4 (D) BASE THE PROGRAM ON THE MOST CURRENT SCIENTIFIC
5 INFORMATION AND FINDINGS.

6 (E) WORK TO INCREASE AND IMPROVE COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES
7 AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE WITH ARTHRITIS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS.

8 (F) WORK WITH GOVERNMENTAL OFFICES, NATIONAL VOLUNTARY HEALTH
9 ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR LOCAL CHAPTERS, COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS
10 LEADERS, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, AND HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICE
11 PROVIDERS TO COORDINATE EFFORTS AND MAXIMIZE STATE RESOURCES IN THE
12 AREAS OF PREVENTION, EDUCATION, DETECTION, PAIN MANAGEMENT, AND
13 TREATMENT OF ARTHRITIS.

14 (G) IDENTIFY AND, WHEN APPROPRIATE, USE EVIDENCE-BASED
15 ARTHRITIS PROGRAMS AND OBTAIN RELATED MATERIALS AND SERVICES FROM
16 ORGANIZATIONS WITH APPROPRIATE EXPERTISE AND KNOWLEDGE OF
17 ARTHRITIS.

18 SEC. 5559. (1) UPON APPROPRIATION OF NECESSARY FUNDING, THE
19 DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH, PROMOTE, AND MAINTAIN AN ARTHRITIS
20 PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM IN ORDER TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS,
21 EDUCATE CONSUMERS, EDUCATE AND TRAIN HEALTH PROFESSIONALS,
22 TEACHERS, AND HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

23 (2) UPON APPROPRIATION OF NECESSARY FUNDING, THE DEPARTMENT
24 SHALL CONDUCT A NEEDS ASSESSMENT TO IDENTIFY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING,
25 AS IT RELATES TO ARTHRITIS:

26 (A) EPIDEMIOLOGICAL AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH BEING
27 CONDUCTED WITHIN THE STATE.

1 (B) AVAILABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS
2 AND PROGRAMS NATIONWIDE AND WITHIN THE STATE.

3 (C) THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ARTHRITIS AWARENESS.

4 (D) THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE IN THIS STATE WITH ARTHRITIS, THEIR
5 FAMILIES, AND CAREGIVERS.

6 (E) EDUCATIONAL AND SUPPORT SERVICE NEEDS OF HEALTH CARE
7 PROVIDERS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PHYSICIANS, NURSES, AND
8 MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS.

9 (F) THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO A PERSON WITH ARTHRITIS.

10 (G) THE EXISTENCE OF ARTHRITIS TREATMENT, SELF-MANAGEMENT,
11 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, AND OTHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

12 (H) THE EXISTENCE OF REHABILITATION SERVICES.

13 (3) UPON APPROPRIATION OF NECESSARY FUNDING, THE DEPARTMENT
14 SHALL ESTABLISH AND COORDINATE AN ADVISORY PANEL ON ARTHRITIS THAT
15 WILL PROVIDE NONGOVERNMENTAL INPUT REGARDING THE ARTHRITIS
16 PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM. MEMBERSHIP SHALL INCLUDE, BUT IS
17 NOT LIMITED TO, PERSONS WITH ARTHRITIS, PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATORS,
18 MEDICAL EXPERTS ON ARTHRITIS, PROVIDERS OF ARTHRITIS HEALTH CARE,
19 PERSONS KNOWLEDGEABLE IN HEALTH PROMOTION AND EDUCATION, AND
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF NATIONAL ARTHRITIS ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR LOCAL
21 CHAPTERS.

22 (4) UPON APPROPRIATION OF NECESSARY FUNDING, THE DEPARTMENT
23 SHALL USE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, STRATEGIES CONSISTENT WITH THE
24 NATIONAL ARTHRITIS ACTION PLAN, THE MICHIGAN ARTHRITIS ACTION PLAN,
25 AND OTHER EXISTING STATE PLANNING EFFORTS TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS
26 AND KNOWLEDGE ON THE CAUSES AND NATURE OF ARTHRITIS, PERSONAL RISK
27 FACTORS, VALUE OF PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION, WAYS TO MINIMIZE

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1 PREVENTABLE PAIN, AND OPTIONS FOR DIAGNOSING AND TREATING THE
2 DISEASE.

3 (5) THE DEPARTMENT MAY REPLICATE AND USE SUCCESSFUL ARTHRITIS
4 PROGRAMS, ENTER INTO CONTRACTS, AND PURCHASE MATERIALS OR SERVICES
5 FROM ENTITIES WITH APPROPRIATE EXPERTISE FOR SUCH SERVICES AND
6 MATERIALS AS ARE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE GOALS OF THE ARTHRITIS
7 PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM.

8 (6) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH 1 OR MORE
9 NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH EXPERTISE IN ARTHRITIS TO IMPLEMENT
10 PARTS OF THE ARTHRITIS PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM.

11 SEC. 5561. [] THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACCEPT GRANTS, SERVICES, AND
12 PROPERTY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND FROM PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS,
13 ORGANIZATIONS, MEDICAL SCHOOLS, AND OTHER ENTITIES AS MAY BE
14 AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSES OF FULFILLING THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE
15 ARTHRITIS PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM.

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