

HOUSE BILL No. 4791

June 16, 2011, Introduced by Rep. Opsommer and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled
"The social welfare act,"
(MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding sections 10c and 57v.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 10C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF DETERMINING FINANCIAL
2 ELIGIBILITY FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL APPLY AN
3 ASSET TEST THAT REQUIRES ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS TO HAVE NOT MORE THAN
4 \$3,000.00 IN COUNTABLE ASSETS IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FOOD
5 ASSISTANCE. ASSETS SPECIFICALLY NOT COUNTED INCLUDE THE HOME THE
6 APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT IS PRESENTLY LIVING IN AND ITS LOT,
7 HOUSEHOLD GOODS, INCOME-PRODUCING PROPERTY, REAL ESTATE THAT IS UP
8 FOR SALE, CASH VALUE OF LIFE INSURANCE, PERSONAL PROPERTY,
9 RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS SUCH AS IRA AND 401K PLANS, AND VEHICLES USED
10 FOR FAMILY TRANSPORTATION, TO GO TO AND FROM WORK, TO PRODUCE

1 INCOME, AS THE HOUSEHOLD'S HOME, TO TRANSPORT A DISABLED HOUSEHOLD
2 MEMBER, OR SERVING AS A PRIMARY SOURCE OF TRANSPORTATION FOR
3 OBTAINING FOOD, WATER, FUEL, HEALTH CARE, OR OTHER LIFE
4 NECESSITIES. ANY VEHICLE WITH AN EQUITY VALUE OF LESS THAN
5 \$2,000.00 SHALL NOT BE COUNTED.

6 SEC. 57V. FOR THE PURPOSES OF DETERMINING FINANCIAL
7 ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS ACT, MONEY RECEIVED
8 FROM LOTTERY OR OTHER GAMBLING WINNINGS SHALL BE CONSIDERED
9 COUNTABLE INCOME WHETHER THE MONEY IS RECEIVED IN A LUMP-SUM
10 PAYMENT OR ON A MONTHLY PAYOUT BASIS.