## **HOUSE BILL No. 4936**

September 13, 2011, Introduced by Rep. Lund and referred to the Committee on Insurance.

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956,"

by amending sections 3101, 3104, 3107, 3113, 3114, 3115, 3135, 3157, 3163, and 3172 (MCL 500.3101, 500.3104, 500.3107, 500.3113, 500.3114, 500.3115, 500.3135, 500.3157, 500.3163, and 500.3172), section 3101 as amended by 2008 PA 241, section 3104 as amended by 2002 PA 662, section 3107 as amended by 1991 PA 191, section 3113 as amended by 1986 PA 93, section 3114 as amended by 2002 PA 38, sections 3135 and 3163 as amended by 2002 PA 697, and section 3172 as amended by 1984 PA 426, and by adding sections 1245, 3107c, and 3178.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

SEC. 1245. (1) AN INSURANCE PRODUCER AND AN AGENCY AND THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES AND EMPLOYEES INVOLVED IN THE SALE OR

- 1 PURCHASE OF PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE BENEFITS UNDER SECTION
- 2 3107 ARE NOT LIABLE FOR DAMAGES ARISING FROM THE LOSS OR INADEQUACY
- 3 OF PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE BENEFITS AND DO NOT HAVE ANY OTHER
- 4 LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES CAUSED BY, ARISING OUT OF, OR RELATED TO ANY
- 5 ACTUAL OR ALLEGED ACT, ERROR, OR OMISSION CONCERNING THE CHOICE OF
- 6 PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE BENEFIT AMOUNTS UNDER SECTION 3107.
- 7 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "AGENCY" MEANS THAT TERM AS
- 8 DEFINED IN SECTION 1243.
- 9 Sec. 3101. (1) The owner or registrant of a motor vehicle
- 10 required to be registered in this state shall maintain security for
- 11 payment of benefits under personal protection insurance -IN AN
- 12 AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN THAT REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 3107(1)(A)(i) AND
- 13 property protection insurance —and residual liability insurance IN
- 14 AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN THAT REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 3009. Security
- 15 shall only be required to be in effect during the period the motor
- 16 vehicle is driven or moved upon a highway. Notwithstanding any
- 17 other provision in this act, an insurer that has issued an
- 18 automobile insurance policy on a motor vehicle that is not driven
- 19 or moved upon a highway may allow the insured owner or registrant
- 20 of the motor vehicle to delete a portion of the coverages under the
- 21 policy and maintain the comprehensive coverage portion of the
- 22 policy in effect.
- 23 (2) As used in this chapter:
- 24 (a) "Automobile insurance" means that term as defined in
- 25 section 2102.
- 26 (b) "Highway" means that term as defined in section 20 of the
- 27 Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.20.

- 1 (c) "Motorcycle" means a vehicle having a saddle or seat for
- 2 the use of the rider, designed to travel on not more than 3 wheels
- 3 in contact with the ground, which is equipped with a motor that
- 4 exceeds 50 cubic centimeters piston displacement. The wheels on any
- 5 attachment to the vehicle shall not be considered as wheels in
- 6 contact with the ground. Motorcycle does not include a moped, as
- 7 defined in section 32b of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300,
- 8 MCL 257.32b. Motorcycle does not include an ORV.
- 9 (d) "Motorcycle accident" means a loss involving the
- 10 ownership, operation, maintenance, or use of a motorcycle as a
- 11 motorcycle, but not involving the ownership, operation,
- 12 maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle as a motor vehicle.
- (e) "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle, including a trailer,
- 14 operated or designed for operation upon a public highway by power
- 15 other than muscular power which THAT has more than 2 wheels. Motor
- 16 vehicle does not include a motorcycle or a moped, as defined in
- 17 section 32b of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.32b.
- 18 Motor vehicle does not include a farm tractor or other implement of
- 19 husbandry which THAT is not subject to the registration
- 20 requirements of the Michigan vehicle code pursuant to section 216
- 21 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.216. Motor
- 22 vehicle does not include an ORV.
- 23 (f) "Motor vehicle accident" means a loss involving the
- 24 ownership, operation, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle as a
- 25 motor vehicle regardless of whether the accident also involves the
- 26 ownership, operation, maintenance, or use of a motorcycle as a
- **27** motorcycle.

- 1 (g) "ORV" means a motor-driven recreation vehicle designed for
- 2 off-road use and capable of cross-country travel without benefit of
- 3 road or trail, on or immediately over land, snow, ice, marsh,
- 4 swampland, or other natural terrain. ORV includes, but is not
- 5 limited to, a multitrack or multiwheel drive vehicle, a motorcycle
- 6 or related 2-wheel, 3-wheel, or 4-wheel vehicle, an amphibious
- 7 machine, a ground effect air cushion vehicle, an ATV as defined in
- 8 section 81101 of the natural resources and environmental protection
- 9 act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.81101, or other means of transportation
- 10 deriving motive power from a source other than muscle or wind. ORV
- 11 does not include a vehicle described in this subdivision that is
- 12 registered for use upon a public highway and has the security
- described in section 3101 or 3103 in effect.
- 14 (h) "Owner" means any of the following:
- 15 (i) A person renting a motor vehicle or having the use thereof,
- 16 OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, under a lease or otherwise, for a period that
- is greater than 30 days.
- 18 (ii) A person who holds the legal title to a vehicle, other
- 19 than a person engaged in the business of leasing motor vehicles who
- 20 is the lessor of a motor vehicle pursuant to a lease providing for
- 21 the use of the motor vehicle by the lessee for a period that is
- 22 greater than 30 days.
- 23 (iii) A person who has the immediate right of possession of a
- 24 motor vehicle under an installment sale contract.
- 25 (i) "Registrant" does not include a person engaged in the
- 26 business of leasing motor vehicles who is the lessor of a motor
- 27 vehicle pursuant to a lease providing for the use of the motor

- 1 vehicle by the lessee for a period that is greater than 30 days.
- 2 (3) Security may be provided under a policy issued by an
- 3 insurer duly authorized to transact business in this state which
- 4 THAT affords insurance for the payment of benefits described in
- 5 subsection (1). A policy of insurance represented or sold as
- 6 providing security is considered to provide insurance for the
- 7 payment of the benefits.
- **8** (4) Security required by subsection (1) may be provided by any
- 9 other method approved by the secretary of state as affording
- 10 security equivalent to that afforded by a policy of insurance, if
- 11 proof of the security is filed and continuously maintained with the
- 12 secretary of state throughout the period the motor vehicle is
- 13 driven or moved upon a highway. The person filing the security has
- 14 all the obligations and rights of an insurer under this chapter.
- 15 When the context permits, "insurer" as used in this chapter,
- 16 includes any person filing the security as provided in this
- 17 section.
- 18 Sec. 3104. (1) An unincorporated, nonprofit association to be
- 19 known as the catastrophic claims association , hereinafter referred
- 20 to as the association, is created. Each insurer engaged in writing
- 21 insurance coverages that provide the security required by section
- 22 3101(1) within this state, as a condition of its authority to
- 23 transact insurance in this state, shall be a member of the
- 24 association and shall be bound by the plan of operation of the
- 25 association. Each insurer engaged in writing insurance coverages
- 26 that provide the security required by section 3103(1) within this
- 27 state, as a condition of its authority to transact insurance in

- 1 this state, shall be considered a member of the association, but
- 2 only for purposes of premiums under subsection (7)(d). Except as
- 3 expressly provided in this section, the association is not subject
- 4 to any laws of this state with respect to insurers, but in all
- 5 other respects the association is subject to the laws of this state
- 6 to the extent that the association would be if it were an insurer
- 7 organized and subsisting under chapter 50.
- 8 (2) The—ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY TO THE AMOUNT OF ULTIMATE
- 9 LOSS SUSTAINED UNDER PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE COVERAGES:
- 10 (A) FOR LOSS OCCURRENCES ATTRIBUTABLE TO A MOTOR VEHICLE
- 11 ACCIDENT FOR POLICIES ISSUED OR RENEWED BEFORE JULY 1, 2012, THE
- 12 association shall provide, PAYABLE FROM THE MCCA ACCOUNT UNDER
- 13 SUBSECTION (25) (A), and each member shall accept indemnification
- 14 for 100% of the amount of ultimate loss sustained under personal
- 15 protection insurance coverages in excess of the following amounts
- in each loss occurrence:
- 17 (i)  $\frac{a}{a}$  For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed
- 18 before July 1, 2002, \$250,000.00.
- 19 (ii) (b)—For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed
- 20 during the period July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, \$300,000.00.
- 21 (iii) (e)—For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed
- 22 during the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, \$325,000.00.
- 23 (iv) (d)—For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed
- 24 during the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, \$350,000.00.
- 25 (v) (e)—For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed
- 26 during the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, \$375,000.00.
- 27 (vi) (f)—For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed

- 1 during the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, \$400,000.00.
- 2 (vii) (g) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed
- 3 during the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, \$420,000.00.
- 4 (viii) (h) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed
- 5 during the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, \$440,000.00.
- 6 (ix) (i)—For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed
- 7 during the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, \$460,000.00.
- 8 (x) (i) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed
- 9 during the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, \$480,000.00.
- 10 (xi) (k)—For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed
- 11 during the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013 2012, \$500,000.00.
- 12 Beginning July 1, 2013, this \$500,000.00 amount shall be increased
- 13 biennially on July 1 of each odd-numbered year, for policies issued
- or renewed before July 1 of the following odd numbered year, by the
- 15 lesser of 6% or the consumer price index, and rounded to the
- 16 nearest \$5,000.00. This biennial adjustment shall be calculated by
- 17 the association by January 1 of the year of its July 1 effective
- 18 date.
- 19 (B) FOR LOSS OCCURRENCES ATTRIBUTABLE TO A MOTOR VEHICLE
- 20 ACCIDENT FOR POLICIES ISSUED OR RENEWED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2012,
- 21 EACH MEMBER SHALL RETAIN 100% OF THE AMOUNT OF ULTIMATE LOSS
- 22 SUSTAINED UNDER PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE COVERAGES UP TO
- \$500,000.00 IN EACH LOSS OCCURRENCE. FOR AN ULTIMATE LOSS OF
- 24 \$500,000.00 TO \$1,000,000.00, THE ASSOCIATION SHALL PROVIDE,
- 25 PAYABLE FROM THE EXCESS PIP ACCOUNT UNDER SUBSECTION (25) (B), AND
- 26 EACH MEMBER SHALL ACCEPT, INDEMNIFICATION FOR 90% OF THE AMOUNT OF
- 27 ULTIMATE LOSS SUSTAINED UNDER PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE

- 1 COVERAGES. FOR AN ULTIMATE LOSS IN EXCESS OF \$1,000,000.00, THE
- 2 ASSOCIATION SHALL PROVIDE, PAYABLE FROM THE EXCESS PIP ACCOUNT
- 3 UNDER SUBSECTION (25) (B), AND EACH MEMBER SHALL ACCEPT,
- 4 INDEMNIFICATION FOR 100% OF THE AMOUNT OF ULTIMATE LOSS SUSTAINED
- 5 UNDER PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE COVERAGES.
- 6 (3) An insurer may withdraw from the association only upon
- 7 ceasing to write insurance that provides the security required by
- 8 section 3101(1) in this state.
- 9 (4) An insurer whose membership in the association has been
- 10 terminated by withdrawal shall continue to be bound by the plan of
- 11 operation, and upon withdrawal —all unpaid premiums that have been
- 12 charged to the withdrawing member are payable as of the effective
- 13 date of the withdrawal.
- 14 (5) An unsatisfied net liability to the association of an
- 15 insolvent member shall be assumed by and apportioned among the
- 16 remaining members of the association as provided in the plan of
- 17 operation. The association has all rights allowed by law on behalf
- 18 of the remaining members against the estate or funds of the
- 19 insolvent member for sums MONEY due TO the association.
- 20 (6) If a member has been merged or consolidated into another
- 21 insurer or another insurer has reinsured a member's entire business
- 22 that provides the security required by section 3101(1) in this
- 23 state, the member and successors in interest of the member remain
- 24 liable for the member's obligations.
- 25 (7) The association shall do all of the following on behalf of
- 26 the members of the association:
- 27 (a) Assume 100% of all—liability as provided in subsection

- **1** (2).
- 2 (b) Establish procedures by which members shall promptly
- 3 report to the association each claim that, on the basis of the
- 4 injuries or damages sustained, may reasonably be anticipated to
- 5 involve the association if the member is ultimately held legally
- 6 liable for the injuries or damages. Solely for the purpose of
- 7 reporting claims, the member shall in all instances consider itself
- 8 legally liable for the injuries or damages. The member shall also
- 9 advise the association of subsequent developments likely to
- 10 materially affect the interest of the association in the claim.
- 11 (c) Maintain relevant loss and expense data relative to all
- 12 liabilities of the association and require each member to furnish
- 13 statistics, in connection with liabilities of the association, at
- 14 the times and in the form and detail as may be required by the plan
- 15 of operation.
- 16 (d) In a manner provided for in the plan of operation,
- 17 calculate and charge to members of the association a total premium
- 18 FOR THE MCCA ACCOUNT UNDER SUBSECTION (25) (A) AND A PREMIUM FOR THE
- 19 EXCESS PIP ACCOUNT UNDER SUBSECTION (25)(B). EACH PREMIUM SHALL BE
- 20 sufficient to cover the expected losses and expenses of the
- 21 association that the association will likely incur during the
- 22 period for which the premium is applicable FOR EACH ACCOUNT. The
- 23 EACH premium shall include an amount to cover incurred but not
- 24 reported losses for the period and may be adjusted for any excess
- 25 or deficient premiums from previous periods. Excesses or
- 26 deficiencies from previous periods may be fully adjusted in a
- 27 single period or may be adjusted over several periods in a manner

- 1 provided for in the plan of operation. Each member shall be charged
- 2 an amount equal to that member's total written car years of
- 3 insurance providing the security required by section 3101(1) or
- 4 3103(1), or both, written in this state during the period to which
- 5 the premium applies, multiplied by the average premium per car. THE
- 6 PREMIUM FOR THE EXCESS PIP ACCOUNT SHALL BE ADJUSTED TO REFLECT THE
- 7 AMOUNT OF COVERAGE SELECTED BY EACH MEMBER'S INSUREDS UNDER SECTION
- 8 3107. The average premium per car shall be the total premium
- 9 calculated divided by the total written car years of insurance
- 10 providing the security required by section 3101(1) or 3103(1)
- 11 written in this state of all members during the period to which the
- 12 premium applies. A member shall be charged a premium for a historic
- 13 vehicle that is insured with the member of 20% of the premium
- 14 charged for a car insured with the member. As used in this
- 15 subdivision:
- 16 (i) "Car" includes a motorcycle but does not include a historic
- 17 vehicle.
- 18 (ii) "Historic vehicle" means a vehicle that is a registered
- 19 historic vehicle under section 803a or 803p of the Michigan vehicle
- 20 code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.803a and 257.803p.
- (e) Require and accept the payment of premiums from members of
- 22 the association as provided for in the plan of operation. The
- 23 association shall do either of the following:
- 24 (i) Require payment of the premium in full within 45 days after
- 25 the premium charge.
- 26 (ii) Require payment of the premiums to be made periodically to
- 27 cover the actual cash obligations of the association.

- (f) Receive and distribute all sums MONEY required by the
  operation of the association.
- 3 (g) Establish procedures for reviewing claims procedures and
- 4 practices of members of the association. If the claims procedures
- 5 or practices of a member are considered inadequate to properly
- 6 service the liabilities of the association, the association may
- 7 undertake or may contract with another person, including another
- 8 member, to adjust or assist in the adjustment of claims for the
- 9 member on claims that create a potential liability to the
- 10 association and may charge the cost of the adjustment to the
- 11 member.
- 12 (8) In addition to other powers granted to it by this section,
- 13 the association may do all of the following:
- 14 (a) Sue and be sued in the name of the association. A judgment
- 15 against the association shall not create any direct liability
- 16 against the individual members of the association. The association
- 17 may provide for the indemnification of its members, members of the
- 18 board of directors of the association, and officers, employees, and
- 19 other persons lawfully acting on behalf of the association.
- 20 (b) Reinsure all or any portion of its potential liability
- 21 with reinsurers licensed to transact insurance in this state or
- approved by the commissioner.
- (c) Provide for appropriate housing, equipment, and personnel
- 24 as may be necessary to assure the efficient operation of the
- 25 association.
- 26 (d) Pursuant to the plan of operation, adopt reasonable rules
- 27 for the administration of the association, enforce those rules, and

- 1 delegate authority, as the board considers necessary to assure the
- 2 proper administration and operation of the association consistent
- 3 with the plan of operation.
- 4 (e) Contract for goods and services, including independent
- 5 claims management, actuarial, investment, and legal services, from
- 6 others within or without this state to assure the efficient
- 7 operation of the association.
- 8 (f) Hear and determine complaints of a company or other
- 9 interested party concerning the operation of the association.
- 10 (g) Perform other acts not specifically enumerated in this
- 11 section that are necessary or proper to accomplish the purposes of
- 12 the association and that are not inconsistent with this section or
- 13 the plan of operation.
- 14 (9) A board of directors is created , hereinafter referred to
- 15 as the board, which shall be THAT IS responsible for the operation
- 16 of the association consistent with the plan of operation and this
- 17 section.
- 18 (10) The plan of operation shall provide for all of the
- 19 following:
- (a) The establishment of necessary facilities.
- 21 (b) The management and operation of the association.
- (c) Procedures to be utilized in charging premiums, including
- 23 adjustments from excess or deficient premiums from prior periods.
- 24 (d) Procedures governing the actual payment of premiums to the
- 25 association.
- (e) Reimbursement of each member of the board by the
- 27 association for actual and necessary expenses incurred on

- 1 association business.
- 2 (f) The investment policy of the association.
- 3 (g) Any other matters required by or necessary to effectively
- 4 implement this section.
- 5 (11) Each board shall include members that would contribute a
- 6 total of not less than 40% of the total premium PREMIUMS calculated
- 7 pursuant to subsection (7)(d). Each director shall be IS entitled
- 8 to 1 vote. The initial term of office of a director shall be IS 2
- 9 years.
- 10 (12) As part of the plan of operation, the board shall adopt
- 11 rules providing for the composition and term of successor boards to
- 12 the initial board, consistent with the membership composition
- 13 requirements in subsections (11) and (13). Terms of the directors
- 14 shall be staggered so that the terms of all the directors do not
- 15 expire at the same time and so that a director does not serve a
- 16 term of more than 4 years.
- 17 (13) The board shall consist of 5 directors, and the
- 18 commissioner shall be an ex officio member of the board without
- **19** vote.
- 20 (14) Each director shall be appointed by the commissioner and
- 21 shall serve until that member's successor is selected and
- 22 qualified. The chairperson of the board shall be elected by the
- 23 board. A vacancy on the board shall be filled by the commissioner
- 24 consistent with the plan of operation.
- 25 (15) After the board is appointed, the board shall meet as
- 26 often as the chairperson, the commissioner, or the plan of
- 27 operation shall require, or at the request of any 3 members of the

- 1 board. The chairperson shall retain the right to vote on all
- 2 issues. Four members of the board constitute a quorum.
- 3 (16) An annual report of the operations of the association in
- 4 a form and detail as may be determined by the board shall be
- 5 furnished to each member.
- **6** (17) Not more than 60 days after the initial organizational
- 7 meeting of the board, the board shall submit to the commissioner
- 8 for approval a proposed plan of operation consistent with the
- 9 objectives and provisions of this section, which shall provide for
- 10 the economical, fair, and nondiscriminatory administration of the
- 11 association and for the prompt and efficient provision of
- 12 indemnity. If a plan is not submitted within this 60-day period,
- 13 then the commissioner, after consultation with the board, shall
- 14 formulate and place into effect a plan consistent with this
- 15 section.
- 16 (18) The plan of operation, unless approved sooner in writing,
- 17 shall be considered to meet the requirements of this section if it
- 18 is not disapproved by written order of the commissioner within 30
- 19 days after the date of its submission. Before disapproval of all or
- 20 any part of the proposed plan of operation, the commissioner shall
- 21 notify the board in what respect the plan of operation fails to
- 22 meet the requirements and objectives of this section. If the board
- 23 fails to submit a revised plan of operation that meets the
- 24 requirements and objectives of this section within the 30-day
- 25 period, the commissioner shall enter an order accordingly and shall
- 26 immediately formulate and place into effect a plan consistent with
- 27 the requirements and objectives of this section.

- 1 (19) The proposed plan of operation or amendments to the plan
- 2 of operation are subject to majority approval by the board,
- 3 ratified by a majority of the membership having a vote, with voting
- 4 rights being apportioned according to the premiums charged in
- 5 subsection (7)(d), and are subject to approval by the commissioner.
- 6 (20) Upon approval by the commissioner and ratification by the
- 7 members of the plan submitted, or upon the promulgation of a plan
- 8 by the commissioner, each insurer authorized to write insurance
- 9 providing the security required by section 3101(1) in this state,
- 10 as provided in this section, is bound by and shall formally
- 11 subscribe to and participate in the plan approved as a condition of
- 12 maintaining its authority to transact insurance in this state.
- 13 (21) The association is subject to all the reporting, loss
- 14 reserve, and investment requirements of the commissioner to the
- 15 same extent as would—IS a member of the association.
- 16 (22) Premiums charged members by the association shall be
- 17 recognized in the rate-making procedures for insurance rates in the
- 18 same manner that expenses and premium taxes are recognized.
- 19 (23) The commissioner or an authorized representative of the
- 20 commissioner may visit the association at any time and examine any
- 21 and all the association's affairs.
- 22 (24) The association does not have liability for losses
- 23 occurring before July 1, 1978.
- 24 (25) THE ASSOCIATION SHALL MAINTAIN THE FOLLOWING 2 SEPARATE
- 25 ACCOUNTS OUT OF WHICH MEMBERS SHALL BE INDEMNIFIED FOR ULTIMATE
- 26 LOSS:

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(A) AN MCCA ACCOUNT TO INDEMNIFY FOR LOSS OCCURRENCES

- 1 ATTRIBUTABLE TO A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT THAT OCCURS BEFORE JULY 1,
- 2 2012.
- 3 (B) AN EXCESS PIP ACCOUNT TO INDEMNIFY FOR LOSS OCCURRENCES
- 4 ATTRIBUTABLE TO A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT THAT OCCURS ON OR AFTER
- 5 JULY 1, 2012.
- 6 (26) EACH ACCOUNT UNDER SUBSECTION (25) SHALL BE SELF-
- 7 SUPPORTING, AND ASSETS OR LIABILITIES SHALL NOT BE TRANSFERRED
- 8 BETWEEN THE ACCOUNTS.
- 9 (27)  $\frac{(25)}{}$  As used in this section:
- 10 (a) "Consumer price index" means the percentage of change in
- 11 the consumer price index for all urban consumers in the United
- 12 States city average for all items for the 24 months prior to
- 13 October 1 of the year prior to the July 1 effective date of the
- 14 biennial adjustment under subsection (2)(k) as reported by the
- 15 United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, and
- 16 as certified by the commissioner.
- 17 (A) "ASSOCIATION" MEANS THE CATASTROPHIC CLAIMS ASSOCIATION
- 18 CREATED IN SUBSECTION (1).
- 19 (B) "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CREATED IN SUBSECTION
- 20 (9).
- 21 (C) (b)—"Motor vehicle accident policy" means a policy
- 22 providing the coverages required under section 3101(1).
- 23 (D) (c) "Ultimate loss" means the actual loss amounts that a
- 24 member is obligated to pay and that are paid or payable by the
- 25 member, and do-DOES not include claim expenses. An ultimate loss is
- 26 incurred by the association on the date that the loss occurs.
- Sec. 3107. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), personal

- 1 PERSONAL protection insurance benefits are payable for the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) Allowable expenses consisting of all reasonable charges AS
- 4 PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (i), (ii), (iii), OR (iv) incurred for
- 5 reasonably necessary products, services, and accommodations for an
- 6 injured person's care, recovery, or rehabilitation. Allowable
- 7 expenses within personal protection insurance coverage shall not
- 8 include charges for a hospital room in excess of a reasonable and
- 9 customary charge for semiprivate accommodations except if the
- 10 injured person requires special or intensive care, or for funeral
- 11 and burial expenses in the amount set forth in the policy which
- 12 shall not be less than \$1,750.00 or more than \$5,000.00. ANY CHANGE
- 13 IN A LIMIT SELECTED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (i), (ii), (iii), OR (iv)
- 14 APPLIES ONLY TO BENEFITS PAYABLE FOR AN ACCIDENT THAT OCCURS ON OR
- 15 AFTER THE DATE OF THE CHANGE IN THE LIMIT. AN INSURER SHALL PROVIDE
- 16 THE FOLLOWING COVERAGES, AND AN INSURED SHALL SELECT 1 OF THE
- 17 FOLLOWING COVERAGES, WHICH SHALL APPLY TO THE INSURED NAMED IN THE
- 18 POLICY, THE INSURED'S SPOUSE, AND ANY RELATIVE OF EITHER DOMICILED
- 19 IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD:
- 20 (i) COVERAGE FOR ALLOWABLE EXPENSES CONSISTING OF ALL
- 21 REASONABLE CHARGES INCURRED UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$250,000.00 FOR
- 22 REASONABLY NECESSARY PRODUCTS, SERVICES, AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR AN
- 23 INJURED PERSON'S CARE, RECOVERY, OR REHABILITATION.
- 24 (ii) COVERAGE FOR ALLOWABLE EXPENSES CONSISTING OF ALL
- 25 REASONABLE CHARGES INCURRED UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$500,000.00 FOR
- 26 REASONABLY NECESSARY PRODUCTS, SERVICES, AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR AN
- 27 INJURED PERSON'S CARE, RECOVERY, OR REHABILITATION.

- 1 (iii) COVERAGE FOR ALLOWABLE EXPENSES CONSISTING OF ALL
- 2 REASONABLE CHARGES INCURRED UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$1,000,000.00 FOR
- 3 REASONABLY NECESSARY PRODUCTS, SERVICES, AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR AN
- 4 INJURED PERSON'S CARE, RECOVERY, OR REHABILITATION.
- 5 (iv) COVERAGE FOR ALLOWABLE EXPENSES CONSISTING OF ALL
- 6 REASONABLE CHARGES INCURRED UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$5,000,000.00 FOR
- 7 REASONABLY NECESSARY PRODUCTS, SERVICES, AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR AN
- 8 INJURED PERSON'S CARE, RECOVERY, OR REHABILITATION.
- 9 (b) Work EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), WORK loss
- 10 consisting of loss of income from work an injured person would have
- 11 performed during the first 3 years after the date of the accident
- 12 if he or she had not been injured. Work loss does not include any
- 13 loss after the date on which the injured person dies. Because the
- 14 benefits received from personal protection insurance for loss of
- 15 income are not taxable income, the benefits payable for such loss
- 16 of income shall be reduced 15% unless the claimant presents to the
- 17 insurer in support of his or her claim reasonable proof of a lower
- 18 value of the income tax advantage in his or her case, in which case
- 19 the lower value shall apply. Beginning March 30, 1973, the benefits
- 20 payable for work loss sustained in a single 30-day period and the
- 21 income earned by an injured person for work during the same period
- 22 together shall not exceed \$1,000.00, which maximum shall apply pro
- 23 rata to any lesser period of work loss. Beginning October 1, 1974,
- 24 the maximum shall be adjusted annually to reflect changes in the
- 25 cost of living under rules prescribed by the commissioner but any
- 26 change in the maximum shall apply only to benefits arising out of
- 27 accidents occurring subsequent to the date of change in the

- 1 maximum.
- 2 (c) Expenses not exceeding \$20.00 per day, reasonably incurred
- 3 in obtaining ordinary and necessary services in lieu of those that,
- 4 if he or she had not been injured, an injured person would have
- 5 performed during the first 3 years after the date of the accident,
- 6 not for income but for the benefit of himself or herself or of his
- 7 or her dependent.
- 8 (2) A person who is 60 years of age or older and in the event
- 9 of an accidental bodily injury would not be eligible to receive
- 10 work loss benefits under subsection (1)(b) may waive coverage for
- 11 work loss benefits by signing a waiver on a form provided by the
- 12 insurer. An insurer shall offer a reduced premium rate to a person
- 13 who waives coverage under this subsection for work loss benefits.
- 14 Waiver of coverage for work loss benefits applies only to work loss
- 15 benefits payable to the person or persons who have signed the
- 16 waiver form.
- 17 (3) THE FOLLOWING APPLY TO SUBSECTION (1) (A):
- 18 (A) IF AN INSURED FAILS TO SELECT 1 OF THE PERSONAL PROTECTION
- 19 COVERAGE LIMITS, AN INSURER SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE IN THE AMOUNT
- 20 SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (1)(A)(i).
- 21 (B) THE SAME PERSONAL PROTECTION COVERAGE LIMITS APPLY TO ALL
- 22 MOTOR VEHICLES INSURED UNDER THE SAME POLICY.
- 23 (C) COVERAGE LIMITS ARE PROVIDED ON A PER INDIVIDUAL PER LOSS
- 24 OCCURRENCE BASIS. COVERAGE APPLIES ONLY TO BENEFITS PAYABLE TO THE
- 25 INSURED NAMED IN THE POLICY, THE INSURED'S SPOUSE, AND ANY RELATIVE
- 26 OF EITHER DOMICILED IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD.
- 27 (D) A PERSON WHO IS NOT AN INSURED NAMED IN A POLICY, NOT THE

- 1 INSURED'S SPOUSE, AND NOT A RELATIVE OF EITHER DOMICILED IN THE
- 2 SAME HOUSEHOLD IS ENTITLED ONLY TO COVERAGE IN THE LIMIT SET FORTH
- 3 IN SUBSECTION (1)(A)(i). PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE BENEFITS
- 4 PAYABLE UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION ARE NOT PAYABLE TO THE EXTENT THAT
- 5 THE BENEFITS COVERING THE SAME LOSS ARE AVAILABLE FROM OTHER
- 6 SOURCES, REGARDLESS OF THE NATURE AND NUMBER OF BENEFIT SOURCES
- 7 AVAILABLE AND REGARDLESS OF THE NATURE OR FORM OF THE BENEFITS.
- 8 (E) REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLES INSURED OR
- 9 INSURERS PROVIDING SECURITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CHAPTER, OR THE
- 10 PROVISIONS OF ANY OTHER LAW PROVIDING FOR DIRECT BENEFITS WITHOUT
- 11 REGARD TO FAULT FOR MOTOR OR ANY OTHER VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, A PERSON
- 12 SHALL NOT RECOVER DUPLICATE BENEFITS FOR THE SAME EXPENSES OR
- 13 LOSSES INCURRED.
- 14 (F) IF ELIGIBLE UNDER SECTION 3163, PERSONAL PROTECTION
- 15 INSURANCE BENEFITS ARE LIMITED TO THE LIMIT SET FORTH IN SECTION
- 16 3163 FOR ACCIDENTS OCCURRING IN THIS STATE IF THE INJURED PERSON IS
- 17 A NONRESIDENT OF THIS STATE AND THE INJURED PERSON'S BENEFITS ARE
- 18 PAYABLE UNDER A POLICY DELIVERED OUTSIDE OF THIS STATE.
- 19 (G) PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE BENEFITS ARE NOT PAYABLE TO
- 20 A NONRESIDENT INJURED IN AN ACCIDENT OCCURRING OUTSIDE OF THIS
- 21 STATE TO THE EXTENT THAT BENEFITS COVERING THE SAME LOSS ARE
- 22 AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES, REGARDLESS OF THE NATURE AND NUMBER
- 23 OF BENEFIT SOURCES AVAILABLE AND REGARDLESS OF THE NATURE OR FORM
- 24 OF THE BENEFITS. IF PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE BENEFITS ARE
- 25 PAYABLE TO A NONRESIDENT UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION, THE BENEFITS ARE
- 26 LIMITED TO THE LIMIT SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (1) (A) (i) PER
- 27 INDIVIDUAL PER LOSS OCCURRENCE.

- 1 SEC. 3107C. (1) ALLOWABLE EXPENSES UNDER SECTION 3107(1)(A) DO
- 2 NOT INCLUDE CHARGES FOR A HOSPITAL ROOM IN EXCESS OF A REASONABLE
- 3 AND CUSTOMARY CHARGE FOR SEMIPRIVATE ACCOMMODATIONS, UNLESS THE
- 4 INJURED PERSON REQUIRES SPECIAL OR INTENSIVE CARE, OR CHARGES FOR
- 5 FUNERAL AND BURIAL EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT SET FORTH IN
- 6 THE POLICY, WHICH SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN \$1,750.00 OR MORE THAN
- 7 \$5,000.00.
- 8 (2) ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY TO ALLOWABLE EXPENSES UNDER
- 9 SECTION 3107(1)(A) FOR ATTENDANT CARE OR NURSING SERVICES PROVIDED
- 10 IN THE INJURED PERSON'S HOME:
- 11 (A) PAYMENT IS LIMITED TO A TOTAL OF 56 HOURS PER WEEK FOR
- 12 SERVICES PERFORMED BY 1 OR MORE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT CERTIFIED,
- 13 REGISTERED, OR LICENSED TO RENDER THE ATTENDANT CARE OR NURSING
- 14 SERVICES UNDER ARTICLE 15 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH CODE, 1978 PA 368,
- 15 MCL 333.16101 TO 333.18838.
- 16 (B) PAYMENT FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT
- 17 CERTIFIED, REGISTERED, OR LICENSED TO RENDER THE ATTENDANT CARE OR
- 18 NURSING SERVICES UNDER ARTICLE 15 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH CODE, 1978
- 19 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 TO 333.18838, SHALL BE \$11.00 PER HOUR FOR
- 20 BASIC CARE OR \$17.00 PER HOUR FOR SKILLED CARE. BEGINNING JANUARY
- 21 1, 2013, THE AMOUNTS IN THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE ADJUSTED ANNUALLY
- 22 TO REFLECT CHANGES IN THE COST OF LIVING UNDER RULES PRESCRIBED BY
- 23 THE COMMISSIONER IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE MAXIMUM UNDER SECTION
- 24 3107(1)(B) IS ADJUSTED. ANY CHANGES IN THE AMOUNTS APPLY ONLY TO
- 25 SERVICES RENDERED AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHANGES.
- 26 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:
- 27 (A) "BASIC CARE" MEANS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 (i) PROVIDING PERSONAL CARE SERVICES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT
- 2 LIMITED TO, BATHING, SHAMPOOING, SKIN CARE, ORAL HYGIENE, SHAVING
- 3 MALE PATIENTS, CATHETER CARE, AND TOILETING ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING
- 4 URINAL AND BEDPAN ASSISTANCE.
- 5 (ii) MEASURING AND DOCUMENTING VITAL SIGNS.
- 6 (iii) PROVIDING OR ASSISTING WITH EXERCISE, AMBULATION, OR
- 7 POSITIONING AS DIRECTED BY A NURSE OR THERAPIST, INCLUDING
- 8 AMBULATION WITH OR WITHOUT ASSISTIVE DEVICES, BASIC RANGE OF MOTION
- 9 BOTH PASSIVE AND ACTIVE, LIGHT PIVOT TRANSFERS, AND ASSISTING FROM
- 10 BED, CHAIR, OR COMMODE.
- 11 (iv) PROVIDING ENVIRONMENTAL AND HOMEMAKING SERVICES, INCLUDING
- 12 BED-MAKING WHETHER OCCUPIED OR UNOCCUPIED, LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING TO
- 13 MAINTAIN A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, LAUNDERING OF BEDDING AND CLOTHING,
- 14 SHOPPING FOR GROCERIES, AND TRANSPORTATION AS NECESSARY.
- 15 (v) ASSISTING WITH SELF-ADMINISTERED MEDICATIONS.
- 16 (B) "SKILLED CARE" MEANS PROVIDING BASIC CARE SERVICES AND ANY
- 17 OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 18 (i) PERFORMING INTERMITTENT STRAIGHT CATHETERIZATION, CATHETER
- 19 PERINEAL CARE, AND COLOSTOMY CARE AS DIRECTED.
- 20 (ii) PERFORMING A BOWEL PROGRAM UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A
- 21 REGISTERED NURSE.
- 22 (iii) PERFORMING TUBE FEEDINGS AND SIMPLE WOUND CARE UNDER THE
- 23 DIRECTION OF A REGISTERED NURSE.
- 24 (iv) PERFORMING FULL 1-PERSON TRANSFERS AND TRANSFERS USING A
- 25 PATIENT LIFT OR HOIST.
- 26 Sec. 3113. A person is not entitled to be paid personal
- 27 protection insurance benefits for accidental bodily injury if at

- 1 the time of the accident any of the following circumstances
- 2 existed:
- 3 (a) The person was using a motor vehicle or motorcycle which
- 4 THAT he or she had taken unlawfully, unless the person reasonably
- 5 believed that he or she was entitled to take and use the vehicle.
- 6 (b) The person was the owner or registrant of a motor vehicle
- 7 or motorcycle involved in the accident with respect to which the
- 8 security required by section 3101 or 3103 was not in effect.
- 9 (c) The person was not a resident of this state, was an
- 10 occupant of a motor vehicle or motorcycle not registered in this
- 11 state, and was not insured by an insurer which THAT has filed a
- 12 certification in compliance with section 3163.
- 13 (D) THE PERSON WAS AN OPERATOR OF OR PASSENGER ON A MOTORCYCLE
- 14 WHO WAS NOT WEARING ON HIS OR HER HEAD A CRASH HELMET THAT CONFORMED
- 15 WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 658(4) OF THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE,
- 16 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.658.
- 17 Sec. 3114. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2), (3), and
- 18 (5), a personal protection insurance policy described in section
- 19 3101(1) applies to accidental bodily injury to the person named in
- 20 the policy, the person's spouse, and a relative of either domiciled
- 21 in the same household, if the injury arises from a motor vehicle
- 22 accident. A personal injury insurance policy described in section
- 23 3103(2) applies to accidental bodily injury to the person named in
- 24 the policy, the person's spouse, and a relative of either domiciled
- 25 in the same household, if the injury arises from a motorcycle
- 26 accident. When personal protection insurance benefits DESCRIBED IN
- 27 SECTION 3107(1), or personal injury benefits described in section

- 1 3103(2), are payable to or for the benefit of an injured person
- 2 under his or her own policy and would also be payable under the
- 3 policy of his or her spouse, relative, or relative's spouse, the
- 4 injured person's insurer shall pay all of the benefits and is not
- 5 entitled to recoupment from the other insurer. THE COVERAGE FOR
- 6 ALLOWABLE EXPENSES FOR 2 OR MORE MOTOR VEHICLES UNDER 1 POLICY OR
- 7 FOR 2 OR MORE POLICIES SHALL NOT BE ADDED TOGETHER, COMBINED, OR
- 8 STACKED TO DETERMINE THE LIMIT OF INSURANCE COVERAGE AVAILABLE FOR
- 9 EACH INJURED PERSON COVERED UNDER THE POLICY.
- 10 (2) A person suffering accidental bodily injury while an
- 11 operator or a passenger of a motor vehicle operated in the business
- 12 of transporting passengers shall receive the personal protection
- 13 insurance benefits to which the person is entitled from the insurer
- 14 of the motor vehicle. This subsection does not apply to a passenger
- in the following, unless that passenger is not entitled to personal
- 16 protection insurance benefits under any other policy:
- 17 (a) A school bus, as defined by the department of education,
- 18 providing transportation not prohibited by law.
- 19 (b) A bus operated by a common carrier of passengers certified
- 20 by the department of transportation.
- (c) A bus operating under a government sponsored
- 22 transportation program.
- 23 (d) A bus operated by or providing service to a nonprofit
- 24 organization.
- 25 (e) A taxicab insured as prescribed in section 3101 or 3102.
- 26 (f) A bus operated by a canoe or other watercraft, bicycle, or
- 27 horse livery used only to transport passengers to or from a

- 1 destination point.
- 2 (3) An employee, his or her spouse, or a relative of either
- 3 domiciled in the same household —who suffers accidental bodily
- 4 injury while an occupant of a motor vehicle owned or registered by
- 5 the employer —shall receive personal protection insurance benefits
- 6 to which the employee is entitled from IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER OF
- 7 PRIORITY:
- 8 (A) FROM the insurer of the furnished vehicle.
- 9 (B) FROM HIS OR HER OWN POLICY, FROM HIS OR HER SPOUSE'S
- 10 POLICY, OR FROM THE POLICY OF A RELATIVE OF EITHER THE PERSON OR
- 11 HIS OR HER SPOUSE DOMICILED IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD.
- 12 (4) Except as provided in subsections (1) to (3), a person
- 13 suffering accidental bodily injury arising from a motor vehicle
- 14 accident while an occupant of a motor vehicle shall claim personal
- 15 protection insurance benefits from insurers in the following order
- 16 of priority:
- 17 (a) The insurer of the owner or registrant of the vehicle
- 18 occupied.
- 19 (b) The insurer of the operator of the vehicle occupied.
- 20 (5) A person suffering accidental bodily injury arising from a
- 21 motor vehicle accident which shows evidence of the involvement of a
- 22 motor vehicle while an operator or passenger of a motorcycle shall
- 23 claim personal protection insurance benefits from insurers in the
- 24 following order of priority:
- 25 (a) The insurer of the owner or registrant of the motor
- 26 vehicle involved in the accident.
- 27 (b) The insurer of the operator of the motor vehicle involved

- 1 in the accident.
- 2 (c) The motor vehicle insurer of the operator of the
- 3 motorcycle involved in the accident.
- 4 (d) The motor vehicle insurer of the owner or registrant of
- 5 the motorcycle involved in the accident.
- 6 (6) AN INJURED PERSON CLAIMING PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE
- 7 BENEFITS UNDER SUBSECTION (5) IS LIMITED TO REASONABLE CHARGES
- 8 INCURRED UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$250,000.00 FOR REASONABLE NECESSARY
- 9 PRODUCTS, SERVICES, AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR HIS OR HER CARE,
- 10 RECOVERY, OR REHABILITATION.
- 11 (7)  $\frac{(6)}{(6)}$  If 2 or more insurers are in the same order of
- 12 priority to provide personal protection insurance benefits, under
- 13 subsection (5), an insurer paying benefits due is entitled to
- 14 partial recoupment from the other insurers in the same order of
- 15 priority, together with a reasonable amount of partial recoupment
- 16 of the expense of processing the claim, in order to accomplish
- 17 equitable distribution of the loss among all of the insurers.
- 18 Sec. 3115. (1) Except as provided in subsection (1) of section
- 19 3114 (1), a person suffering accidental bodily injury while not
- 20 an occupant of a motor vehicle shall claim personal protection
- 21 insurance benefits from insurers in the following order of
- 22 priority:
- 23 (a) Insurers of owners or registrants of motor vehicles
- 24 involved in the accident.
- 25 (b) Insurers of operators of motor vehicles involved in the
- 26 accident.
- 27 (2) When THE FOLLOWING APPLY IF 2 or more insurers are in the

- 1 same order of priority to provide personal protection insurance
- 2 benefits:
- 3 (A) IF THE COVERAGES FOR ALLOWABLE EXPENSES IN THE POLICIES
- 4 ARE THE SAME, an insurer paying benefits due is entitled to partial
- 5 recoupment from the other insurers in the same order of priority,
- 6 together with a reasonable amount of partial recoupment of the
- 7 expense of processing the claim, in order to accomplish equitable
- 8 distribution of the loss among such insurers.
- 9 (B) IF THE COVERAGES FOR ALLOWABLE EXPENSES IN THE POLICIES
- 10 ARE NOT THE SAME, EACH INSURER SHALL PAY THE RATIO OF ITS LIMIT OF
- 11 ALLOWABLE EXPENSE COVERAGE TO THE TOTAL ALLOWABLE EXPENSE COVERAGE
- 12 AVAILABLE UNDER ALL OF THE POLICIES.
- 13 (3) A limit upon the amount of personal protection insurance
- 14 benefits available because of accidental bodily injury to 1 person
- 15 arising from 1 motor vehicle accident shall be determined without
- 16 regard to the number of policies applicable to the accident.
- 17 (4) THE LIMIT OF PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE BENEFITS
- 18 AVAILABLE FOR 2 OR MORE MOTOR VEHICLES UNDER 1 POLICY OR FOR 2 OR
- 19 MORE POLICIES SHALL NOT BE ADDED TOGETHER, COMBINED, OR STACKED TO
- 20 DETERMINE THE LIMIT OF INSURANCE COVERAGE AVAILABLE FOR EACH
- 21 INJURED PERSON COVERED UNDER THE POLICY.
- 22 Sec. 3135. (1) A person remains subject to tort liability for
- 23 noneconomic loss caused by his or her ownership, maintenance, or
- 24 use of a motor vehicle only if the injured person has suffered
- 25 death, serious impairment of body function, or permanent serious
- 26 disfigurement.
- 27 (2) For EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, FOR a

- 1 cause of action for damages pursuant to subsection (1) filed on or
- 2 after July 26, 1996, all of the following apply:
- 3 (a) The issues of whether an injured person has suffered
- 4 serious impairment of body function or permanent serious
- 5 disfigurement are questions of law for the court if the court finds
- 6 either of the following:
- 7 (i) There is no factual dispute concerning the nature and
- 8 extent of the person's injuries.
- 9 (ii) There is a factual dispute concerning the nature and
- 10 extent of the person's injuries, but the dispute is not material to
- 11 the determination as to whether the person has suffered a serious
- 12 impairment of body function or permanent serious disfigurement.
- 13 However, for a closed-head injury, a question of fact for the jury
- 14 is created if a licensed allopathic or osteopathic physician who
- 15 regularly diagnoses or treats closed-head injuries testifies under
- 16 oath that there may be a serious neurological injury.
- 17 (b) Damages shall be assessed on the basis of comparative
- 18 fault, except that damages shall not be assessed in favor of a
- 19 party who is more than 50% at fault. HOWEVER, AN OPERATOR OF OR
- 20 PASSENGER ON A MOTORCYCLE WHO WAS NOT WEARING ON HIS OR HER HEAD A
- 21 CRASH HELMET THAT CONFORMED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 658(4)
- 22 OF THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.658, SHALL BE
- 23 CONSIDERED TO BE NOT LESS THAN 35% COMPARATIVELY AT FAULT.
- 24 (c) Damages shall not be assessed in favor of a party who was
- 25 operating his or her own vehicle at the time the injury occurred
- 26 and did not have in effect for that motor vehicle the security
- 27 required by section 3101 at the time the injury occurred.

- 1 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, tort liability
- 2 arising from the ownership, maintenance, or use within this state
- 3 of a motor vehicle with respect to which the security required by
- 4 section 3101 was in effect is abolished except as to:
- 5 (a) Intentionally caused harm to persons or property. Even
- 6 though a person knows that harm to persons or property is
- 7 substantially certain to be caused by his or her act or omission,
- 8 the person does not cause or suffer that harm intentionally if he
- 9 or she acts or refrains from acting for the purpose of averting
- 10 injury to any person, including himself or herself, or for the
- 11 purpose of averting damage to tangible property.
- 12 (b) Damages for noneconomic loss as provided and limited in
- 13 subsections (1), and (2), AND (7) TO (13).
- 14 (c) Damages for allowable expenses, work loss, and survivor's
- 15 loss as defined DESCRIBED in sections 3107 to 3110 in excess of the
- 16 daily, monthly, and 3-year limitations contained in those sections.
- 17 HOWEVER, A PERSON WHO WAS THE OPERATOR OF OR PASSENGER ON A
- 18 MOTORCYCLE WHO WAS NOT WEARING ON HIS OR HER HEAD A CRASH HELMET
- 19 THAT CONFORMED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 658(4) OF THE
- 20 MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.658, IS NOT ENTITLED TO
- 21 RECOVER THE DAMAGES DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBDIVISION. The party liable
- 22 for damages is entitled to an exemption reducing his or her
- 23 liability by the amount of taxes that would have been payable on
- 24 account of income the injured person would have received if he or
- 25 she had not been injured.
- 26 (d) Damages for economic loss by IN EXCESS OF THE PERSONAL
- 27 PROTECTION INSURANCE BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 3107 OR, FOR a

- 1 nonresident, in excess of the personal protection insurance
- 2 benefits provided under section 3163(4). Damages under this
- 3 subdivision are not recoverable to the extent that benefits
- 4 covering the same loss are available from other sources, regardless
- 5 of the nature or number of benefit sources available and regardless
- 6 of the nature or form of the benefits.
- 7 (e) Damages up to \$500.00 to motor vehicles, to the extent
- 8 that the damages are not covered by insurance. An action for
- 9 damages pursuant to this subdivision shall be conducted in
- 10 compliance with subsection (4).
- 11 (4) In an action for damages pursuant to subsection (3)(e):
- 12 (a) Damages shall be assessed on the basis of comparative
- 13 fault, except that damages shall not be assessed in favor of a
- 14 party who is more than 50% at fault.
- 15 (b) Liability shall not be a component of residual liability,
- 16 as prescribed in section 3131, for which maintenance of security is
- 17 required by this act.
- 18 (5) Actions under subsection (3)(e) shall be commenced,
- 19 whenever legally possible, in the small claims division of the
- 20 district court or the municipal court. If the defendant or
- 21 plaintiff removes the action to a higher court and does not
- 22 prevail, the judge may assess costs.
- 23 (6) A decision of a court made pursuant to subsection (3)(e)
- 24 is not res judicata in any proceeding to determine any other
- 25 liability arising from the same circumstances as gave rise to the
- 26 action brought pursuant to subsection (3)(e).
- 27 (7) As used in this section, "serious impairment of body

- 1 function" means an objectively manifested impairment of INJURY THAT
- 2 IMPAIRS OR IMPAIRED an important body function AND that affects OR
- 3 AFFECTED the person's general ability to lead his or her normal
- 4 life. ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY TO SERIOUS IMPAIRMENT OF BODY
- 5 FUNCTION:
- 6 (A) TO ESTABLISH A SERIOUS IMPAIRMENT OF BODY FUNCTION, THE
- 7 INJURED PERSON MUST SATISFY BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 8 (i) IN ORDER FOR AN INJURY TO BE OBJECTIVELY MANIFESTED, THERE
- 9 MUST BE, OR MUST HAVE BEEN, A MEDICALLY IDENTIFIABLE INJURY OR
- 10 CONDITION THAT HAS A PHYSICAL BASIS.
- 11 (ii) THE INJURY AND IMPAIRMENT MUST HAVE, OR MUST HAVE HAD, A
- 12 MEANINGFUL EFFECT ON THE PERSON'S GENERAL ABILITY AND CAPACITY TO
- 13 LEAD HIS OR HER NORMAL LIFE.
- 14 (B) A PERSON ASSERTING THAT HE OR SHE SUFFERED A SERIOUS
- 15 IMPAIRMENT OF BODY FUNCTION IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVE THAT THE
- 16 INJURY AND IMPAIRMENT WERE PERMANENT, WERE EXTENSIVE, LASTED FOR A
- 17 SIGNIFICANT PERIOD OF TIME, OR ALTERED THE COURSE AND TRAJECTORY OF
- 18 THE PERSON'S ENTIRE NORMAL LIFE, IF THERE IS PROOF THAT THE INJURY
- 19 AND IMPAIRMENT OTHERWISE SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS
- 20 SUBSECTION.
- 21 (8) A PERSON HAS SUFFERED A SERIOUS IMPAIRMENT OF BODY
- 22 FUNCTION AS A MATTER OF LAW IF THERE IS NO MATERIAL FACTUAL DISPUTE
- 23 THAT THE PERSON SUSTAINED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING INJURIES AS A RESULT
- 24 OF THE ACCIDENT:
- 25 (A) AMPUTATION OF AN ARM, LEG, HAND, FOOT, THUMB, OR INDEX
- 26 FINGER.
- 27 (B) A COMMINUTED, DISLOCATED, OPEN, COMPOUND, NONUNION, OR

- 1 INTRA-ARTICULAR FRACTURE OF THE PELVIS, FEMUR, TIBIA, OR HUMERUS.
- 2 (C) LOSS OF A REPRODUCTIVE ORGAN.
- 3 (D) AN INJURY TO THE SPINAL CORD, A SPINAL DISC, OR A VERTEBRA
- 4 THAT REQUIRED THE PERSON TO UNDERGO SURGERY ON AN INPATIENT
- 5 HOSPITALIZATION BASIS.
- 6 (E) AN INJURY THAT REQUIRED REPLACEMENT OF A JOINT IN A HIP,
- 7 KNEE, OR SHOULDER.
- 8 (F) PERMANENT PARALYSIS THAT AFFECTS AN IMPORTANT BODY
- 9 FUNCTION.
- 10 (G) LOSS OR REMOVAL OF ALL OR PART OF A VITAL ORGAN, EXCEPT
- 11 SKIN.
- 12 (9) EXCEPT IN CASES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (8), THE ISSUE OF
- 13 WHETHER A PERSON SUFFERED A SERIOUS IMPAIRMENT OF BODY FUNCTION AS
- 14 A RESULT OF THE ACCIDENT SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO A JURY OR TRIER OF
- 15 FACT, AS A QUESTION OF FACT, IF THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE PERSON
- 16 SUFFERED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING INJURIES:
- 17 (A) AN INJURY DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (8).
- 18 (B) A CLOSED-HEAD INJURY IF A LICENSED ALLOPATHIC OR
- 19 OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN WHO REGULARLY DIAGNOSES OR TREATS CLOSED-HEAD
- 20 INJURIES TESTIFIES UNDER OATH THAT THERE MAY BE A SERIOUS
- 21 NEUROLOGICAL INJURY.
- 22 (C) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (8) (B), A COMMINUTED,
- 23 OPEN, DISLOCATED, COMPOUND, NONUNION, OR INTRA-ARTICULAR FRACTURE
- 24 OF A BONE, EXCEPT A BONE IN THE FINGER OR TOE.
- 25 (D) LOSS OF AN EYE OR EAR OR PERMANENT LOSS OF VISION OR
- 26 HEARING IN 1 OR BOTH EYES OR EARS.
- 27 (E) PERMANENT DAMAGE TO THE CARDIOVASCULAR OR RESPIRATORY

- 1 SYSTEM THAT IMPAIRS THE FUNCTIONING OF THAT SYSTEM.
- 2 (F) AN INJURY THAT REQUIRED THE PERSON TO UNDERGO ANY OF THE
- 3 FOLLOWING:
- 4 (i) IF THE INJURY WAS A TRAUMATIC INJURY TO ANY PART OF A
- 5 SHOULDER, SURGERY.
- 6 (ii) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (8) (B), OPEN REDUCTION OF
- 7 A FRACTURE WITH FIXATION. THIS SUBPARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO A
- 8 FRACTURE IN A FINGER OR TOE, UNLESS THE FRACTURE IS LOCATED IN THE
- 9 INDEX FINGER OR THUMB.
- 10 (iii) IF THE INJURY IS A DISLOCATION INJURY, REDUCTION OR
- 11 SURGERY TO AN ELBOW, HIP, OR KNEE.
- 12 (iv) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (8) (D), IF THE INJURY IS
- 13 A HERNIATED OR RUPTURED SPINAL DISC, AS DIAGNOSED BY A LICENSED
- 14 NEUROSURGEON OR ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON, SURGERY ON AN OUTPATIENT BASIS.
- 15 AS USED IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, "SURGERY" DOES NOT INCLUDE
- 16 INJECTIONS.
- 17 (10) EXCEPT FOR CAUSES OF ACTION BASED ON AN INJURY ENUMERATED
- 18 IN SUBSECTION (8), ALL OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS SHALL BE CONSIDERED
- 19 BY A COURT UNDER SUBSECTION (2) (A), OR BY A JURY OR TRIER OF FACT
- 20 IF A MATERIAL FACTUAL DISPUTE EXISTS, IN DETERMINING WHETHER THE
- 21 INJURED PERSON SUFFERED A SERIOUS IMPAIRMENT OF BODY FUNCTION:
- 22 (A) THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE INJURY AND IMPAIRMENT.
- 23 (B) THE TYPE AND DURATION OF TREATMENT REQUIRED.
- 24 (C) THE DURATION OF THE INJURY AND IMPAIRMENT.
- 25 (D) THE EXTENT OF ANY RESIDUAL INJURY AND IMPAIRMENT.
- 26 (E) THE PROGNOSIS FOR EVENTUAL RECOVERY.
- 27 (F) THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PERSON'S LIFE BEFORE AND AFTER

- 1 THE ACCIDENT THAT WERE CAUSED BY THE INJURY AND IMPAIRMENT.
- 2 (G) ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS.
- 3 (11) THE FACTORS STATED IN SUBSECTION (10) ARE NOT EXCLUSIVE,
- 4 AND NO INDIVIDUAL FACTOR IS DISPOSITIVE.
- 5 (12) THE JURY OR TRIER OF FACT SHALL NOT CONSIDER THE
- 6 INCLUSION OR EXCLUSION OF INJURIES AND TREATMENTS ENUMERATED IN
- 7 SUBSECTIONS (8) AND (9) IN DETERMINING WHETHER THE INJURED PERSON
- 8 SUFFERED A SERIOUS IMPAIRMENT OF BODY FUNCTION.
- 9 (13) IF, UNDER SUBSECTION (2) OR (9), THE JURY OR TRIER OF
- 10 FACT IS TO RESOLVE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE ACCIDENT RESULTED IN
- 11 A SERIOUS IMPAIRMENT OF BODY FUNCTION, THE JURY OR TRIER OF FACT
- 12 MUST FIND THAT A SERIOUS IMPAIRMENT OF BODY FUNCTION EXISTS IF THE
- 13 JURY OR TRIER OF FACT FINDS THAT THE PERSON SUSTAINED ANY OF THE
- 14 INJURIES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (8).
- 15 (14) THE CHANGES TO THIS SECTION BY THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT
- 16 ADDED THIS SUBSECTION APPLY TO ACTIONS FILED ON AND AFTER AND
- 17 ACTIONS PENDING IN A TRIAL OR APPELLATE COURT ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE
- 18 OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION.
- 19 Sec. 3157. (1) A—SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (2), A physician,
- 20 hospital, clinic, or other person or institution lawfully rendering
- 21 treatment to an injured person for an accidental bodily injury
- 22 covered by personal protection insurance, and a person or
- 23 institution providing rehabilitative occupational training
- 24 following the injury, may charge a reasonable amount for the
- 25 products, services, and accommodations rendered. The charge shall
- 26 not exceed the amount the person or institution customarily charges
- 27 for like products, services, and accommodations in cases not

- 1 involving PERSONAL PROTECTION insurance.
- 2 (2) A PHYSICIAN, HOSPITAL, CLINIC, OR OTHER PERSON OR
- 3 INSTITUTION LAWFULLY RENDERING TREATMENT TO AN INJURED PERSON FOR
- 4 AN ACCIDENTAL BODILY INJURY COVERED BY PERSONAL PROTECTION
- 5 INSURANCE, OR A PERSON OR INSTITUTION PROVIDING REHABILITATIVE
- 6 OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING FOLLOWING THE INJURY, IS LIMITED TO, AND
- 7 SHALL BE PAID BY THE AUTOMOBILE INSURER AT, AN AMOUNT THAT DOES NOT
- 8 EXCEED THE AMOUNT PAID FOR TREATMENT, SERVICE, ACCOMMODATION, AND
- 9 MEDICINE UNDER R 418.10101 TO R 418.101503 OF THE MICHIGAN
- 10 ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OR SCHEDULES OF MAXIMUM FEES FOR WORKER'S
- 11 COMPENSATION DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO THOSE RULES. THE COMMISSIONER
- 12 SHALL EXAMINE CHANGES TO R 418.10101 TO R 418.101503 OF THE
- 13 MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE MADE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE
- 14 AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION. IF THE COMMISSIONER
- 15 FINDS THAT THOSE CHANGES ARE REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE FOR
- 16 PURPOSES OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE, THOSE CHANGES SHALL APPLY TO THIS
- 17 SECTION AND THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ISSUE AN ORDER TO THAT EFFECT.
- 18 Sec. 3163. (1) An insurer authorized to transact automobile
- 19 liability insurance and personal and property protection insurance
- 20 in this state shall file and maintain a written certification that
- 21 any accidental bodily injury or property damage occurring in this
- 22 state arising from the ownership, operation, maintenance, or use of
- 23 a motor vehicle as a motor vehicle by an out-of-state resident who
- 24 is insured under its automobile liability insurance policies, is
- 25 subject to the personal and property protection insurance system
- 26 under this act.
- 27 (2) A nonadmitted insurer may voluntarily file the

- 1 certification described in subsection (1).
- 2 (3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4), if a
- 3 certification filed under subsection (1) or (2) applies to
- 4 accidental bodily injury or property damage, the insurer and its
- 5 insureds with respect to that injury or damage have the rights and
- 6 immunities under this act for personal and property protection
- 7 insureds, and claimants have the rights and benefits of personal
- 8 and property protection insurance claimants, including the right to
- 9 receive benefits from the electing insurer as if it were an insurer
- 10 of personal and property protection insurance applicable to the
- 11 accidental bodily injury or property damage.
- 12 (4) If an insurer of an out-of-state resident is required to
- 13 provide benefits under subsections (1) to (3) to that out-of-state
- 14 resident for accidental bodily injury for an accident in which the
- 15 out-of-state resident was not an occupant of a motor vehicle
- 16 registered in this state, the insurer is only liable for the amount
- 17 of ultimate loss sustained up to \$500,000.00 \$250,000.00. Benefits
- 18 under this subsection are not recoverable to the extent that
- 19 benefits covering the same loss are available from other sources,
- 20 regardless of the nature or number of benefit sources available and
- 21 regardless of the nature or form of the benefits.
- 22 Sec. 3172. (1) A person entitled to claim because of
- 23 accidental bodily injury arising out of the ownership, operation,
- 24 maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle as a motor vehicle in this
- 25 state may obtain personal protection insurance benefits through an
- 26 assigned claims plan if IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:
- 27 (A) IF no personal protection insurance is applicable to the

- 1 injury. -
- 2 (B) IF no personal protection insurance applicable to the
- 3 injury can be identified.  $\tau$
- 4 (C) IF the personal protection insurance applicable to the
- 5 injury cannot be ascertained because of a dispute between 2 or more
- 6 automobile insurers concerning their obligation to provide coverage
- 7 or the equitable distribution of the loss. , or
- 8 (D) IF the only identifiable personal protection insurance
- 9 applicable to the injury is, because of financial inability of 1 or
- 10 more insurers to fulfill their obligations, inadequate to provide
- 11 benefits up to the maximum prescribed. In such case
- 12 (2) IN ANY OF THE SITUATIONS UNDER SUBSECTION (1), unpaid
- 13 benefits due or coming due are subject to being collected under the
- 14 assigned claims plan, and the insurer to which the claim is
- 15 assigned, or the assigned claims facility if the claim is assigned
- 16 to it, is entitled to reimbursement from the defaulting insurers to
- 17 the extent of their financial responsibility.
- 18 (3) (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,
- 19 personal protection insurance benefits, including benefits arising
- 20 from accidents occurring before the effective date of this
- 21 subsection, MARCH 29, 1985, payable through an assigned claims plan
- 22 shall be reduced to the extent that benefits covering the same loss
- 23 are available from other sources, regardless of the nature or
- 24 number of benefit sources available and regardless of the nature or
- 25 form of the benefits, to a person claiming personal protection
- 26 insurance benefits through the assigned claims plan. This
- 27 subsection shall only apply when ONLY APPLIES IF the personal

- 1 protection insurance benefits are payable through the assigned
- 2 claims plan because no personal protection insurance is applicable
- 3 to the injury, no personal protection insurance applicable to the
- 4 injury can be identified, or the only identifiable personal
- 5 protection insurance applicable to the injury is, because of
- 6 financial inability of 1 or more insurers to fulfill their
- 7 obligations, inadequate to provide benefits up to the maximum
- 8 prescribed. As used in this subsection "sources" and "benefit
- 9 sources" do not include the program for medical assistance for the
- 10 medically indigent under the social welfare act, Act No. 280 of the
- 11 Public Acts of 1939, being sections 400.1 to 400.121 of the
- 12 Michigan Compiled Laws, or insurance under the health insurance for
- 13 the aged act, title XVIII of the social security amendments of 1965
- 14 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.1 TO 400.119B, OR THE FEDERAL MEDICARE PROGRAM
- 15 ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE XVIII OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, 42 USC
- 16 1395 TO 1395KKK-1.
- 17 (4) (3)—If the obligation to provide personal protection
- 18 insurance benefits cannot be ascertained because of a dispute
- 19 between 2 or more automobile insurers concerning their obligation
- 20 to provide coverage or the equitable distribution of the loss, and
- 21 if a method of voluntary payment of benefits cannot be agreed upon
- 22 among or between the disputing insurers, all of the following shall
- 23 apply:
- 24 (a) The insurers who are parties to the dispute shall, or the
- 25 claimant may, immediately notify the assigned claims facility of
- 26 their inability to determine their statutory obligations.
- (b) The claim shall be assigned by the assigned claims

- 1 facility to an insurer which THAT shall immediately provide
- 2 personal protection insurance benefits to the claimant or claimants
- 3 entitled to benefits IN THE LOWEST AMOUNT APPLICABLE AMONG THE
- 4 POLICIES IN DISPUTE.
- 5 (c) An action shall be immediately commenced on behalf of the
- 6 assigned claims facility by the insurer to whom the claim is
- 7 assigned in circuit court for the purpose of declaring the rights
- 8 and duties of any interested party.
- 9 (d) The insurer to whom the claim is assigned shall join as
- 10 parties defendant each insurer disputing either the obligation to
- 11 provide personal protection insurance benefits or the equitable
- 12 distribution of the loss among the insurers.
- 13 (e) The circuit court shall declare the rights and duties of
- 14 any interested party whether or not other relief is sought or could
- 15 be granted.
- 16 (f) After hearing the action, the circuit court shall
- 17 determine the insurer or insurers, if any, obligated to provide the
- 18 applicable personal protection insurance benefits and the equitable
- 19 distribution, if any, among the insurers obligated therefor, and
- 20 shall order reimbursement to the assigned claims facility from the
- 21 insurer or insurers to the extent of the responsibility as
- 22 determined by the court. The reimbursement ordered under this
- 23 subdivision shall include all benefits and costs paid or incurred
- 24 by the assigned claims facility and all benefits and costs paid or
- 25 incurred by insurers determined not to be obligated to provide
- 26 applicable personal protection insurance benefits, including
- 27 reasonable attorney fees and interest at the rate prescribed in

- 1 section 3175 as of December 31 of the year preceding the
- 2 determination of the circuit court.
- 3 (5) IF NO PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE IS APPLICABLE TO THE
- 4 INJURY OR NO PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE APPLICABLE TO THE INJURY
- 5 CAN BE IDENTIFIED, PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE BENEFITS SHALL BE
- 6 PAID ONLY TO THE LIMIT PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 3107(1)(A)(i). IF THE
- 7 ONLY IDENTIFIABLE PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE APPLICABLE TO THE
- 8 INJURY IS, BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL INABILITY OF 1 OR MORE INSURERS TO
- 9 FULFILL THEIR OBLIGATIONS, INADEQUATE TO PROVIDE BENEFITS UP TO THE
- 10 MAXIMUM PRESCRIBED, PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE BENEFITS SHALL BE
- 11 PAID TO THE LIMIT SELECTED BY THE INSURED UNDER SECTION 3107(1)(A)
- 12 OR AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 3107(3)(A).
- 13 (6) ANY REIMBURSEMENT ORDERED UNDER THIS SECTION AND ANY
- 14 RECOVERY OBTAINED IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE PERSONAL PROTECTION
- 15 INSURANCE BENEFITS HAVE BEEN OR MAY BE PAID THROUGH THE ASSIGNED
- 16 CLAIMS FACILITY SHALL INCLUDE ALL BENEFITS AND COSTS PAID OR
- 17 INCURRED BY INSURERS DETERMINED NOT TO BE OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE THE
- 18 APPLICABLE PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE BENEFITS, INCLUDING
- 19 REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND INTEREST AT THE RATE PRESCRIBED IN
- 20 SECTION 3175 AS OF DECEMBER 31 OF THE YEAR PRECEDING THE
- 21 REIMBURSEMENT ORDER OR RECOVERY DETERMINATION.
- 22 SEC. 3178. (1) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE
- 23 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC 1 OR MORE INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLETS
- 24 EXPLAINING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE CHANGES TO THIS CHAPTER MADE BY THE
- 25 AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION. THE PAMPHLET SHALL INCLUDE
- 26 IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, AN EXPLANATION OF THE
- 27 ADOPTION OF MULTIPLE LIMITS FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION BENEFITS UNDER

- 1 SECTION 3107(1)(A), THE ABILITY OF AN INSURED TO CHOOSE THE
- 2 APPLICABLE LIMIT, WHEN THE INSURED WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
- 3 MAKE THE CHOICE AND WHEN THE CHOICE MADE WILL BE EFFECTIVE, AND THE
- 4 CONSEQUENCES OF THAT CHOICE.
- 5 (2) BEFORE JULY 1, 2013, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REPORT TO THE
- 6 STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
- 7 WITH PRIMARY JURISDICTION OVER INSURANCE MATTERS ON THE EFFECT OF
- 8 THE CHANGES TO THIS CHAPTER MADE BY THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED
- 9 THIS SECTION, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE
- 10 ADOPTION OF MULTIPLE LIMITS FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION BENEFITS UNDER
- 11 SECTION 3107(1)(A). THE REPORT SHALL CONTAIN ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OF
- 12 THE COMMISSIONER FOR CHANGES TO THIS CHAPTER.
- 13 (3) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, \$50,000.00
- 14 IS APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
- 15 LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS TO BE USED BY THE OFFICE OF
- 16 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.
- 17 Enacting section 1. (1) Sections 3101, 3104, 3107, 3114, 3115,
- 18 3163, and 3172 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL
- 19 500.3101, 500.3104, 500.3107, 500.3114, 500.3115, 500.3163, and
- 20 500.3172, as amended by this amendatory act, and section 1245 of
- 21 the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, as added by this
- 22 amendatory act, take effect on July 1, 2012.
- 23 (2) Section 3157 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218,
- 24 MCL 500.3157, as amended by this amendatory act, and section 3107c
- 25 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, as added by this
- 26 amendatory act, take effect on the effective date of this
- 27 amendatory act and apply to products, services, and accommodations

- 1 that are provided on and after the effective date of this
- 2 amendatory act irrespective of the date of loss, but do not affect
- 3 any obligation involving a specific claim under a written agreement
- 4 or consent judgment entered into before the effective date of this
- 5 amendatory act.
- 6 (3) Sections 3113 and 3135 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956
- 7 PA 218, MCL 500.3113 and 500.3135, as amended by this amendatory
- 8 act, take effect on the effective date of this amendatory act.

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