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SENATE BILL No. 514

June 22, 2011, Introduced by Senators SMITH and HUNE and referred to the Committee on Insurance.

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled
"The insurance code of 1956,"
by amending sections 3104, 3107, 3114, and 3115 (MCL 500.3104,
500.3107, 500.3114, and 500.3115), section 3104 as amended by 2002
PA 662, section 3107 as amended by 1991 PA 191, and section 3114 as amended by 2002 PA 38, and by adding chapter 32A.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 3104. (1) An unincorporated, nonprofit association to be known as the catastrophic claims association, hereinafter referred to as the association, is created. Each insurer engaged in writing insurance coverages that provide the security required by section 3101(1) within this state, as a condition of its authority to transact insurance in this state, shall be a member of the association and shall be IS bound by the plan of operation of the

- 1 association. Each insurer engaged in writing insurance coverages
- 2 that provide the security required by section 3103(1) within this
- 3 state, as a condition of its authority to transact insurance in
- 4 this state, shall be considered a member of the association, but
- 5 only for purposes of premiums under subsection (7)(d). Except as
- 6 expressly provided in this section, the association is not subject
- 7 to any laws of this state with respect to insurers, but in all
- 8 other respects the association is subject to the laws of this state
- 9 to the extent that the association would be if it were an insurer
- 10 organized and subsisting under chapter 50.
- 11 (2) The association shall provide and each member shall accept
- 12 indemnification for 100% of the amount of ultimate loss sustained
- 13 under personal protection insurance coverages in excess of the
- 14 following amounts in each loss occurrence:
- 15 (a) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed
- 16 before July 1, 2002, \$250,000.00.
- 17 (b) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed
- 18 during the period July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, \$300,000.00.
- (c) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed
- 20 during the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, \$325,000.00.
- 21 (d) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed
- 22 during the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, \$350,000.00.
- (e) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed
- 24 during the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, \$375,000.00.
- 25 (f) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed
- 26 during the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, \$400,000.00.
- 27 (g) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed

- 1 during the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, \$420,000.00.
- 2 (h) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed
- 3 during the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, \$440,000.00.
- 4 (i) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed
- 5 during the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, \$460,000.00.
- 6 (j) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed
- 7 during the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, \$480,000.00.
- 8 (k) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed
- 9 during the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013, \$500,000.00.
- 10 Beginning July 1, 2013, this \$500,000.00 amount shall be increased
- 11 biennially on July 1 of each odd-numbered year, for policies issued
- 12 or renewed before July 1 of the following odd-numbered year, by the
- 13 lesser of 6% or the consumer price index, and rounded to the
- 14 nearest \$5,000.00. This biennial adjustment shall be calculated by
- 15 the association by January 1 of the year of its July 1 effective
- **16** date.
- 17 (3) An insurer may withdraw from the association only upon
- 18 ceasing to write insurance that provides the security required by
- 19 section 3101(1) in this state.
- 20 (4) An insurer whose membership in the association has been
- 21 terminated by withdrawal shall continue to be bound by the plan of
- 22 operation, and upon withdrawal, all unpaid premiums that have been
- 23 charged to the withdrawing member are payable as of the effective
- 24 date of the withdrawal.
- 25 (5) An unsatisfied net liability to the association of an
- 26 insolvent member shall be assumed by and apportioned among the
- 27 remaining members of the association as provided in the plan of

- 1 operation. The association has all rights allowed by law on behalf
- 2 of the remaining members against the estate or funds of the
- 3 insolvent member for sums due the association.
- 4 (6) If a member has been merged or consolidated into another
- 5 insurer or another insurer has reinsured a member's entire business
- 6 that provides the security required by section 3101(1) in this
- 7 state, the member and successors in interest of the member remain
- 8 liable for the member's obligations.
- 9 (7) The association shall do all of the following on behalf of
- 10 the members of the association:
- 11 (a) Assume 100% of all liability as provided in subsection
- **12** (2).
- 13 (b) Establish procedures by which members shall promptly
- 14 report to the association each claim that, on the basis of the
- 15 injuries or damages sustained, may reasonably be anticipated to
- 16 involve the association if the member is ultimately held legally
- 17 liable for the injuries or damages. Solely for the purpose of
- 18 reporting claims, the member shall in all instances consider itself
- 19 legally liable for the injuries or damages. The member shall also
- 20 advise the association of subsequent developments likely to
- 21 materially affect the interest of the association in the claim.
- (c) Maintain relevant loss and expense data relative to all
- 23 liabilities of the association and require each member to furnish
- 24 statistics, in connection with liabilities of the association, at
- 25 the times and in the form and detail as may be required by the plan
- 26 of operation.
- (d) In a manner provided for in the plan of operation,

- 1 calculate and charge to members of the association a total premium
- 2 sufficient to cover the expected losses and expenses of the
- 3 association that the association will likely incur during the
- 4 period for which the premium is applicable. The premium shall
- 5 include an amount to cover incurred but not reported losses for the
- 6 period and may be adjusted for any excess or deficient premiums
- 7 from previous periods. Excesses or deficiencies from previous
- 8 periods may be fully adjusted in a single period or may be adjusted
- 9 over several periods in a manner provided for in the plan of
- 10 operation. Each member shall be charged an amount equal to that
- 11 member's total written car years of insurance providing the
- 12 security required by section 3101(1) or 3103(1), or both, written
- 13 in this state during the period to which the premium applies,
- 14 multiplied by the average premium per car. The average premium per
- 15 car shall be the total premium calculated divided by the total
- 16 written car years of insurance providing the security required by
- 17 section 3101(1) or 3103(1) written in this state of all members
- 18 during the period to which the premium applies. A member shall be
- 19 charged a premium for a historic vehicle that is insured with the
- 20 member of 20% of the premium charged for a car insured with the
- 21 member. A MEMBER SHALL NOT BE CHARGED A PREMIUM FOR A CAR INSURED
- 22 WITH A MEMBER UNDER THE LOW-COST INSURANCE PILOT PROGRAM UNDER
- 23 CHAPTER 32A. As used in this subdivision:
- 24 (i) "Car" includes a motorcycle but does not include a historic
- 25 vehicle.
- 26 (ii) "Historic vehicle" means a vehicle that is a registered
- 27 historic vehicle under section 803a or 803p of the Michigan vehicle

- 1 code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.803a and 257.803p.
- 2 (e) Require and accept the payment of premiums from members of
- 3 the association as provided for in the plan of operation. The
- 4 association shall do either of the following:
- 5 (i) Require payment of the premium in full within 45 days after
- 6 the premium charge.
- 7 (ii) Require payment of the premiums to be made periodically to
- 8 cover the actual cash obligations of the association.
- 9 (f) Receive and distribute all sums required by the operation
- 10 of the association.
- 11 (g) Establish procedures for reviewing claims procedures and
- 12 practices of members of the association. If the claims procedures
- 13 or practices of a member are considered inadequate to properly
- 14 service the liabilities of the association, the association may
- 15 undertake or may contract with another person, including another
- 16 member, to adjust or assist in the adjustment of claims for the
- 17 member on claims that create a potential liability to the
- 18 association and may charge the cost of the adjustment to the
- 19 member.
- 20 (8) In addition to other powers granted to it by this section,
- 21 the association may do all of the following:
- 22 (a) Sue and be sued in the name of the association. A judgment
- 23 against the association shall not create any direct liability
- 24 against the individual members of the association. The association
- 25 may provide for the indemnification of its members, members of the
- 26 board of directors of the association, and officers, employees, and
- 27 other persons lawfully acting on behalf of the association.

- 1 (b) Reinsure all or any portion of its potential liability
- 2 with reinsurers licensed to transact insurance in this state or
- 3 approved by the commissioner.
- 4 (c) Provide for appropriate housing, equipment, and personnel
- 5 as may be necessary to assure the efficient operation of the
- 6 association.
- 7 (d) Pursuant to the plan of operation, adopt reasonable rules
- 8 for the administration of the association, enforce those rules, and
- 9 delegate authority, as the board considers necessary to assure the
- 10 proper administration and operation of the association consistent
- 11 with the plan of operation.
- 12 (e) Contract for goods and services, including independent
- 13 claims management, actuarial, investment, and legal services, from
- 14 others within or without this state to assure the efficient
- 15 operation of the association.
- 16 (f) Hear and determine complaints of a company or other
- 17 interested party concerning the operation of the association.
- 18 (g) Perform other acts not specifically enumerated in this
- 19 section that are necessary or proper to accomplish the purposes of
- 20 the association and that are not inconsistent with this section or
- 21 the plan of operation.
- 22 (9) A board of directors is created, hereinafter referred to
- 23 as the board, which shall be IS responsible for the operation of
- 24 the association consistent with the plan of operation and this
- 25 section.
- 26 (10) The plan of operation shall provide for all of the
- 27 following:

- 1 (a) The establishment of necessary facilities.
- 2 (b) The management and operation of the association.
- 3 (c) Procedures to be utilized in charging premiums, including
- 4 adjustments from excess or deficient premiums from prior periods.
- 5 (d) Procedures governing the actual payment of premiums to the
- 6 association.
- 7 (e) Reimbursement of each member of the board by the
- 8 association for actual and necessary expenses incurred on
- 9 association business.
- (f) The investment policy of the association.
- 11 (g) Any other matters required by or necessary to effectively
- 12 implement this section.
- 13 (11) Each board shall include members that would contribute a
- 14 total of not less than 40% of the total premium calculated pursuant
- 15 to subsection (7)(d). Each director shall be entitled to 1 vote.
- 16 The initial term of office of a director shall be 2 years.
- 17 (12) As part of the plan of operation, the board shall adopt
- 18 rules providing for the composition and term of successor boards to
- 19 the initial board, consistent with the membership composition
- 20 requirements in subsections (11) and (13). Terms of the directors
- 21 shall be staggered so that the terms of all the directors do not
- 22 expire at the same time and so that a director does not serve a
- 23 term of more than 4 years.
- 24 (13) The board shall consist of 5 directors, and the
- 25 commissioner shall be an ex officio member of the board without
- 26 vote.
- 27 (14) Each director shall be appointed by the commissioner and

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

- 1 notify the board in what respect the plan of operation fails to
- 2 meet the requirements and objectives of this section. If the board
- 3 fails to submit a revised plan of operation that meets the
- 4 requirements and objectives of this section within the 30-day
- 5 period, the commissioner shall enter an order accordingly and shall
- 6 immediately formulate and place into effect a plan consistent with
- 7 the requirements and objectives of this section.
- 8 (19) The proposed plan of operation or amendments to the plan
- 9 of operation are subject to majority approval by the board,
- 10 ratified by a majority of the membership having a vote, with voting
- 11 rights being apportioned according to the premiums charged in
- 12 subsection (7)(d) and are subject to approval by the commissioner.
- 13 (20) Upon approval by the commissioner and ratification by the
- 14 members of the plan submitted, or upon the promulgation of a plan
- 15 by the commissioner, each insurer authorized to write insurance
- 16 providing the security required by section 3101(1) in this state,
- 17 as provided in this section, is bound by and shall formally
- 18 subscribe to and participate in the plan approved as a condition of
- 19 maintaining its authority to transact insurance in this state.
- 20 (21) The association is subject to all the reporting, loss
- 21 reserve, and investment requirements of the commissioner to the
- 22 same extent as would a member of the association.
- 23 (22) Premiums charged members by the association shall be
- 24 recognized in the rate-making procedures for insurance rates in the
- 25 same manner that expenses and premium taxes are recognized.
- 26 (23) The commissioner or an authorized representative of the
- 27 commissioner may visit the association at any time and examine any

- 1 and all the association's affairs.
- 2 (24) The association does not have liability for losses
- 3 occurring before July 1, 1978.
- 4 (25) As used in this section:
- 5 (a) "Consumer price index" means the percentage of change in
- 6 the consumer price index for all urban consumers in the United
- 7 States city average for all items for the 24 months prior to
- 8 October 1 of the year prior to the July 1 effective date of the
- 9 biennial adjustment under subsection (2)(k) as reported by the
- 10 United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, and
- 11 as certified by the commissioner.
- 12 (b) "Motor vehicle accident policy" means a policy providing
- 13 the coverages required under section 3101(1).
- 14 (c) "Ultimate loss" means the actual loss amounts that a
- 15 member is obligated to pay and that are paid or payable by the
- 16 member, and do not include claim expenses. An ultimate loss is
- 17 incurred by the association on the date that the loss occurs.
- 18 Sec. 3107. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), personal
- 19 PERSONAL protection insurance benefits are payable for the
- 20 following:
- 21 (a) Allowable EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), ALLOWABLE
- 22 expenses consisting of all reasonable charges incurred for
- 23 reasonably necessary products, services, and accommodations for an
- 24 injured person's care, recovery, or rehabilitation. Allowable
- 25 expenses within personal protection insurance coverage shall not
- 26 include charges for a hospital room in excess of a reasonable and
- 27 customary charge for semiprivate accommodations except if the

- 1 injured person requires special or intensive care, or for funeral
- 2 and burial expenses in the amount set forth in the policy which
- 3 shall not be less than \$1,750.00 or more than \$5,000.00.
- 4 (b) Work EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3), WORK loss
- 5 consisting of loss of income from work an injured person would have
- 6 performed during the first 3 years after the date of the accident
- 7 if he or she had not been injured. Work loss does not include any
- 8 loss after the date on which the injured person dies. Because the
- 9 benefits received from personal protection insurance for loss of
- 10 income are not taxable income, the benefits payable for such loss
- 11 of income shall be reduced 15% unless the claimant presents to the
- 12 insurer in support of his or her claim reasonable proof of a lower
- 13 value of the income tax advantage in his or her case, in which case
- 14 the lower value shall apply. Beginning March 30, 1973 FOR THE
- 15 PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2010 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011, the
- 16 benefits payable for work loss sustained in a single 30-day period
- 17 and the income earned by an injured person for work during the same
- 18 period together shall not exceed \$1,000.00 \$4,929.00, which maximum
- 19 shall apply pro rata to any lesser period of work loss. Beginning
- 20 October 1, 1974-2011, the maximum shall be adjusted annually to
- 21 reflect changes in the cost of living under rules prescribed by the
- 22 commissioner but any change in the maximum shall apply only to
- 23 benefits arising out of accidents occurring subsequent to the date
- 24 of change in the maximum.
- (c) Expenses not exceeding \$20.00 per day, reasonably incurred
- 26 in obtaining ordinary and necessary services in lieu of those that,
- 27 if he or she had not been injured, an injured person would have

- 1 performed during the first 3 years after the date of the accident,
- 2 not for income but for the benefit of himself or herself or of his
- 3 or her dependent.
- 4 (2) AN INSURED COVERED UNDER A LOW-COST AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE
- 5 POLICY UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM UNDER CHAPTER 32A SHALL ELECT
- 6 COVERAGE FOR ALLOWABLE EXPENSES CONSISTING OF ALL REASONABLE
- 7 CHARGES INCURRED UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$50,000.00 OR \$100,000.00 AS
- 8 SELECTED BY THE INSURED FOR REASONABLY NECESSARY PRODUCTS,
- 9 SERVICES, AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR AN INJURED PERSON'S CARE,
- 10 RECOVERY, OR REHABILITATION. ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY TO A LOW-
- 11 COST AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM UNDER
- 12 CHAPTER 32A:
- 13 (A) COVERAGE LIMITS ARE PROVIDED ON A PER LOSS OCCURRENCE
- 14 BASIS.
- 15 (B) COVERAGE APPLIES TO BENEFITS PAYABLE AS FOLLOWS:
- 16 (i) TO THE INSURED NAMED IN THE POLICY, THE INSURED'S SPOUSE,
- 17 AND ANY RELATIVE OF EITHER DOMICILED IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD.
- 18 (ii) A PERSON NOT DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (i) WHO IS AN
- 19 OCCUPANT OF THE AUTOMOBILE. SECTION 3114(4) APPLIES TO COVERAGE
- 20 UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH TO AN OCCUPANT OF THE AUTOMOBILE.
- 21 (C) REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLES INSURED OR
- 22 INSURERS PROVIDING SECURITY, OR THE PROVISIONS OF ANY OTHER LAW
- 23 PROVIDING FOR DIRECT BENEFITS WITHOUT REGARD TO FAULT FOR MOTOR OR
- 24 ANY OTHER VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, A PERSON SHALL NOT RECOVER DUPLICATE
- 25 BENEFITS FOR THE SAME EXPENSE OR LOSS INCURRED.
- 26 (3) (2)—A person who is 60 years of age or older and in the
- 27 event of an accidental bodily injury would not be eligible to

- 1 receive work loss benefits under subsection (1)(b) may waive
- 2 coverage for work loss benefits by signing a waiver on a form
- 3 provided by the insurer. An insurer shall offer a reduced premium
- 4 rate to a person who waives coverage under this subsection for work
- 5 loss benefits. Waiver of coverage for work loss benefits applies
- 6 only to work loss benefits payable to the person or persons who
- 7 have signed the waiver form.
- 8 Sec. 3114. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2), (3), and
- 9 (5), a personal protection insurance policy described in section
- 10 3101(1) applies to accidental bodily injury to the person named in
- 11 the policy, the person's spouse, and a relative of either domiciled
- 12 in the same household, if the injury arises from a motor vehicle
- 13 accident. A personal injury insurance policy described in section
- 14 3103(2) applies to accidental bodily injury to the person named in
- 15 the policy, the person's spouse, and a relative of either domiciled
- 16 in the same household, if the injury arises from a motorcycle
- 17 accident. When personal protection insurance benefits DESCRIBED IN
- 18 SECTION 3107(1), or personal injury benefits described in section
- 19 3103(2), are payable to or for the benefit of an injured person
- 20 under his or her own policy and would also be payable under the
- 21 policy of his or her spouse, relative, or relative's spouse, the
- 22 injured person's insurer shall pay all of the benefits and is not
- 23 entitled to recoupment from the other insurer. THE LIMIT OF
- 24 LIABILITY FOR 2 OR MORE MOTOR VEHICLES UNDER 1 POLICY OR FOR 2 OR
- 25 MORE POLICIES SHALL NOT BE ADDED TOGETHER, COMBINED, OR STACKED TO
- 26 DETERMINE THE LIMIT OF INSURANCE COVERAGE AVAILABLE FOR EACH
- 27 INJURED PERSON COVERED UNDER THE POLICY.

- 1 (2) A person suffering accidental bodily injury while an
- 2 operator or a passenger of a motor vehicle operated in the business
- 3 of transporting passengers shall receive the personal protection
- 4 insurance benefits to which the person is entitled from the insurer
- 5 of the motor vehicle. This subsection does not apply to a passenger
- 6 in the following, unless that passenger is not entitled to personal
- 7 protection insurance benefits under any other policy:
- 8 (a) A school bus, as defined by the department of education,
- 9 providing transportation not prohibited by law.
- 10 (b) A bus operated by a common carrier of passengers certified
- 11 by the department of transportation.
- 12 (c) A bus operating under a government sponsored
- 13 transportation program.
- 14 (d) A bus operated by or providing service to a nonprofit
- 15 organization.
- 16 (e) A taxicab insured as prescribed in section 3101 or 3102.
- 17 (f) A bus operated by a canoe or other watercraft, bicycle, or
- 18 horse livery used only to transport passengers to or from a
- 19 destination point.
- 20 (3) An employee, his or her spouse, or a relative of either
- 21 domiciled in the same household, who suffers accidental bodily
- 22 injury while an occupant of a motor vehicle owned or registered by
- 23 the employer, shall receive personal protection insurance benefits
- 24 to which the employee is entitled from the insurer of the furnished
- 25 vehicle.
- 26 (4) Except as provided in subsections (1) to (3), a person
- 27 suffering accidental bodily injury arising from a motor vehicle

- 1 accident while an occupant of a motor vehicle shall claim personal
- 2 protection insurance benefits from insurers in the following order
- 3 of priority:
- 4 (a) The insurer of the owner or registrant of the vehicle
- 5 occupied.
- 6 (b) The insurer of the operator of the vehicle occupied.
- 7 (5) A person suffering accidental bodily injury arising from a
- 8 motor vehicle accident which shows evidence of the involvement of a
- 9 motor vehicle while an operator or passenger of a motorcycle shall
- 10 claim personal protection insurance benefits from insurers in the
- 11 following order of priority:
- 12 (a) The insurer of the owner or registrant of the motor
- 13 vehicle involved in the accident.
- 14 (b) The insurer of the operator of the motor vehicle involved
- 15 in the accident.
- 16 (c) The motor vehicle insurer of the operator of the
- 17 motorcycle involved in the accident.
- 18 (d) The motor vehicle insurer of the owner or registrant of
- 19 the motorcycle involved in the accident.
- 20 (6) If 2 or more insurers are in the same order of priority to
- 21 provide personal protection insurance benefits, under subsection
- 22 (5), an insurer paying benefits due is entitled to partial
- 23 recoupment from the other insurers in the same order of priority,
- 24 together with a reasonable amount of partial recoupment of the
- 25 expense of processing the claim, in order to accomplish equitable
- 26 distribution of the loss among all of the insurers.
- Sec. 3115. (1) Except as provided in subsection (1) of section

- 1 3114(1), a person suffering accidental bodily injury while not
- 2 an occupant of a motor vehicle shall claim personal protection
- 3 insurance benefits from insurers in the following order of
- 4 priority:
- 5 (a) Insurers of owners or registrants of motor vehicles
- 6 involved in the accident.
- 7 (b) Insurers of operators of motor vehicles involved in the
- 8 accident.
- 9 (2) When 2 or more insurers are in the same order of priority
- 10 to provide personal protection insurance benefits an insurer paying
- 11 benefits due is entitled to partial recoupment from the other
- 12 insurers in the same order of priority, together with a reasonable
- 13 amount of partial recoupment of the expense of processing the
- 14 claim, in order to accomplish equitable distribution of the loss
- 15 among such insurers.
- 16 (3) A limit upon the amount of personal protection insurance
- 17 benefits available because of accidental bodily injury to 1 person
- 18 arising from 1 motor vehicle accident shall be determined without
- 19 regard to the number of policies applicable to the accident.
- 20 (4) THE LIMIT OF LIABILITY FOR 2 OR MORE MOTOR VEHICLES UNDER
- 21 1 POLICY OR FOR 2 OR MORE POLICIES SHALL NOT BE ADDED TOGETHER,
- 22 COMBINED, OR STACKED TO DETERMINE THE LIMIT OF INSURANCE COVERAGE
- 23 AVAILABLE FOR EACH INJURED PERSON COVERED UNDER THE POLICY.
- 24 CHAPTER 32A
- 25 LOW-COST AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PILOT PROGRAM
- 26 SEC. 3275. AS USED IN THIS CHAPTER:
- 27 (A) "AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN

- 1 SECTION 3303.
- 2 (B) "PILOT PROGRAM" MEANS THE LOW-COST AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE
- 3 PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS CHAPTER.
- 4 (C) "QUALIFIED APPLICANT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS ALL OF
- 5 THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:
- 6 (i) RESIDES IN A HOUSEHOLD WITH A GROSS ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME
- 7 THAT DOES NOT EXCEED 300% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.
- 8 (ii) IS 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY
- 9 LICENSED TO DRIVE AN AUTOMOBILE FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS. IT IS NOT
- 10 NECESSARY THAT THE 3-YEAR PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDE THE
- 11 APPLICATION FOR A POLICY UNDER THIS CHAPTER, UNLESS THE APPLICANT
- 12 WAS NOT LICENSED FOR A PERIOD BECAUSE OF THE REVOCATION OF THE
- 13 LICENSE.
- 14 (iii) HAS NOT HAD IN THE PRECEDING 3 YEARS MORE THAN 1 OF
- 15 EITHER, BUT NOT BOTH, OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 16 (A) A PROPERTY-DAMAGE-ONLY ACCIDENT IN WHICH HE OR SHE WAS
- 17 SUBSTANTIALLY AT-FAULT.
- 18 (B) AN INSURANCE ELIGIBILITY POINT FOR A MOVING VIOLATION, AS
- 19 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 2103.
- 20 (iv) HAS NOT HAD, IN THE PRECEDING 3 YEARS, A SUBSTANTIALLY AT-
- 21 FAULT ACCIDENT INVOLVING BODILY INJURY OR DEATH.
- 22 (v) HAS NOT HAD A CONVICTION FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE.
- 23 (vi) HAS NOT HAD A CONVICTION FOR A MOVING VIOLATION IN A WORK
- 24 ZONE.
- 25 (vii) HAS NOT HAD ON HIS OR HER MOTOR VEHICLE RECORD A FELONY
- 26 OR MISDEMEANOR CONVICTION RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF A MOTOR
- 27 VEHICLE.

- 1 (viii) IS NOT A COLLEGE STUDENT CLAIMED AS A DEPENDENT OF
- 2 ANOTHER PERSON FOR FEDERAL OR STATE INCOME TAX PURPOSES.
- 3 SEC. 3276. (1) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH A LOW-COST
- 4 AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PILOT PROGRAM IN 1 COUNTY IN THE STATE THAT
- 5 HAS A CITY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF 600,000 OR
- 6 MORE.
- 7 (2) ALL OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT THAT APPLY TO PRIVATE
- 8 PASSENGER NONFLEET AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE APPLY TO THIS CHAPTER
- 9 UNLESS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED OTHERWISE OR UNLESS THERE IS A CONFLICT
- 10 WITH A PROVISION IN THIS CHAPTER.
- 11 (3) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE
- 12 COMMISSIONER MAY EMPLOY LEGAL, ACTUARIAL, ACCOUNTING, OR OTHER
- 13 COUNSEL AS HE OR SHE CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO ASSIST IN HIS OR HER
- 14 RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS CHAPTER.
- 15 (4) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMOTE AND PUBLICIZE THE EXISTENCE
- 16 OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IN THE REGIONS WHERE THE PILOT PROGRAM IS
- 17 OFFERED.
- 18 SEC. 3277. A LOW-COST AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY UNDER THE
- 19 PILOT PROGRAM SHALL HAVE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ATTRIBUTES:
- 20 (A) PROVIDE RESIDUAL LIABILITY COVERAGE AS REQUIRED UNDER
- 21 SECTION 3131.
- 22 (B) HAVE AN INITIAL TERM OF 6 MONTHS, RENEWABLE FOR SUBSEQUENT
- 23 6-MONTH TERMS.
- 24 (C) COVER THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED IN THE POLICY AND ANY OTHER
- 25 INDIVIDUAL USING THE COVERED AUTOMOBILE IF THE USE IS WITH THE
- 26 NAMED INSURED'S PERMISSION, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AND WITHIN THE
- 27 SCOPE OF THAT PERMISSION. HOWEVER, THE POLICY SHALL NOT PROVIDE

- 1 AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY COVERAGE WHEN THE AUTOMOBILE IS OPERATED BY A
- 2 MEMBER OF THE NAMED INSURED'S HOUSEHOLD WHO DOES NOT SATISFY THE
- 3 REQUIREMENTS IN SECTION 3275(C).
- 4 (D) PROVIDE COVERAGE DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION FOR THE
- 5 OPERATION OF AN AUTOMOBILE WITH A VALUE THAT DOES NOT EXCEED
- 6 \$20,000.00. THE VALUE OF THE AUTOMOBILE IS THE VALUE GIVEN TO THE
- 7 AUTOMOBILE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN ASSESSING VEHICLE
- 8 REGISTRATION FEES.
- 9 (E) PROVIDE PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
- 10 ALLOWABLE EXPENSES AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 3107(2).
- 11 (F) PROVIDE PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR WORK
- 12 LOSS AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 3107(1)(B).
- 13 SEC. 3278. (1) AN INSURED UNDER A LOW-COST AUTOMOBILE
- 14 INSURANCE POLICY UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM MAY BE OFFERED A PREMIUM
- 15 INSTALLMENT OPTION UNDER WHICH THE INSURED MAY PAY A SPECIFIED
- 16 PORTION OR PORTIONS OF THE PREMIUM FOR THE LOW-COST AUTOMOBILE
- 17 INSURANCE POLICY ON A PERIODIC BASIS. A PREMIUM FOR A LOW-COST
- 18 AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY SHALL NOT BE FINANCED IN ANY OTHER
- 19 MANNER.
- 20 (2) COMMENCING ON APRIL 1, 2012, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, THE
- 21 AUTOMOBILE INSURERS WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT PROGRAM
- 22 SHALL SUBMIT THE LOSS AND EXPENSE DATA FROM LOW-COST AUTOMOBILE
- 23 INSURANCE POLICIES AND A PROPOSED RATE FOR THE LOW-COST AUTOMOBILE
- 24 INSURANCE POLICY FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM, TO THE COMMISSIONER.
- 25 SEC. 3279. A QUALIFIED APPLICANT SHALL CERTIFY THAT
- 26 REPRESENTATIONS MADE IN THE APPLICATION AND IN DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED
- 27 TO DEMONSTRATE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE LOW-COST AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE

- 1 POLICY ARE TRUE AND CORRECT AND CONTAIN NO MATERIAL
- 2 MISREPRESENTATIONS OR OMISSIONS OF FACT TO THE BEST KNOWLEDGE AND
- 3 BELIEF OF THE APPLICANT.
- 4 SEC. 3280. (1) AN AUTOMOBILE INSURER SHALL PROVIDE TO A
- 5 QUALIFIED APPLICANT FOR A LOW-COST AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY
- 6 UNDER THIS CHAPTER A NOTICE RELATING TO COVERAGE UNDER THE POLICY.
- 7 THE NOTICE SHALL BE PROVIDED IN A SEPARATE DOCUMENT AT THE TIME OF
- 8 APPLICATION AND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN 14-POINT
- 9 BOLDFACED TYPE OR FONT:
- 10 "WARNING
- 11 INSURANCE COVERAGE PROVIDED IN THE POLICY YOU ARE BUYING
- 12 CONTAINS MEDICAL PERSONAL PROTECTION COVERAGES WITH REDUCED
- 13 MAXIMUMS.
- 14 THE MAXIMUMS APPLY TO ANY ONE OCCURRENCE REGARDLESS OF HOW
- 15 MANY PEOPLE MAY BE INJURED.
- 16 ALSO, ALL LIABILITY COVERAGE IS VOID NO ONE IS INSURED AND
- 17 OWNERS OF THE INSURED AUTOMOBILE AND OTHERS LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR
- 18 THE ACTS OF THE DRIVER OF THE INSURED AUTOMOBILE REMAIN FULLY
- 19 PERSONALLY LIABLE IF THE INSURED AUTOMOBILE IS OPERATED BY ANY
- 20 OTHER DRIVER IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD WHO:
- 21 (A) IS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE.
- 22 (B) HAS LESS THAN 3 YEARS OF CONTINUOUSLY LICENSED DRIVING
- 23 EXPERIENCE.
- 24 (C) HAS HAD IN THE PREVIOUS 3 YEARS MORE THAN ONE OF EITHER,
- 25 OR BOTH, OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 26 (I) A PROPERTY-DAMAGE-ONLY ACCIDENT IN WHICH THE DRIVER WAS
- 27 SUBSTANTIALLY AT-FAULT.

- 1 (II) AN INSURANCE ELIGIBILITY POINT FOR A MOVING VIOLATION.
- 2 (D) HAS HAD IN THE PREVIOUS 3 YEARS A SUBSTANTIALLY AT-FAULT
- 3 ACCIDENT INVOLVING BODILY INJURY OR DEATH.
- 4 (E) HAS HAD A CONVICTION FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE.
- 5 (F) HAS HAD A CONVICTION FOR A MOVING VIOLATION IN A WORK
- 6 ZONE.
- 7 (G) HAS HAD A FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR CONVICTION FROM A
- 8 VIOLATION OF THE VEHICLE CODE ON HIS OR HER MOTOR VEHICLE RECORD.".
- 9 (2) THE SIGNATURE OF THE APPLICANT AND INSURED ON THE
- 10 DISCLOSURE FORM PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) CREATES A CONCLUSIVE
- 11 PRESUMPTION THAT THE INSURER HAS COMPLIED WITH THE DISCLOSURE
- 12 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.
- 13 SEC. 3281. THE SALE OF A LOW-COST AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY
- 14 UNDER THIS CHAPTER SHALL NOT BE CONDITIONED ON THE PURCHASE OF ANY
- 15 OTHER PRODUCT OR SERVICE.
- 16 SEC. 3282. (1) A LOW-COST AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY ISSUED
- 17 UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM MAY BE CANCELED ONLY FOR NONPAYMENT OF
- 18 PREMIUM.
- 19 (2) A LOW-COST AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY ISSUED UNDER THE
- 20 PILOT PROGRAM MAY BE RESCINDED ONLY FOR FRAUD OR MATERIAL
- 21 MISREPRESENTATION AFFECTING THE POLICY OR THE INSURED.
- 22 (3) A LOW-COST AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY IS SUBJECT TO
- 23 NONRENEWAL ONLY FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:
- 24 (A) A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE HAZARD INSURED AGAINST.
- 25 (B) THE INSURED IS NO LONGER A QUALIFIED APPLICANT.
- 26 SEC. 3283. (1) AN INSURER THAT ISSUES A LOW-COST AUTOMOBILE
- 27 INSURANCE POLICY UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM MAY OFFER THE INSURED ANY

- 1 OTHER ADDITIONAL TYPE OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COVERAGE SUCH AS
- 2 UNINSURED MOTORISTS COVERAGE OR COLLISION COVERAGE THAT IS NOT
- 3 AVAILABLE UNDER THE LOW-COST AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY.
- 4 (2) AN INSURED UNDER A LOW-COST AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY
- 5 UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL NOT PURCHASE OR MAINTAIN ANY
- 6 AUTOMOBILE PERSONAL PROTECTION INSURANCE COVERAGE OTHER THAN UNDER
- 7 A LOW-COST AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY FOR ANY ADDITIONAL VEHICLES
- 8 IN THE INSURED'S HOUSEHOLD.
- 9 SEC. 3284. (1) THE PILOT PROGRAM MAY COMMENCE OPERATIONS ON
- 10 JANUARY 1, 2012, AND SHALL BE FULLY OPERATIONAL BY AUGUST 1, 2012.
- 11 (2) THE COMMISSIONER MAY ISSUE AN ORDER OR PROMULGATE RULES
- 12 UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT OF 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL
- 13 24.201 TO 24.328, TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER.
- 14 SEC. 3285. A LOW-COST AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY ISSUED UNDER
- 15 THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL SATISFY ALL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
- 16 REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED UNDER THIS ACT.
- 17 SEC. 3286. BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2014, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL
- 18 REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE STATUS OF THE PILOT
- 19 PROGRAM.
- 20 SEC. 3287. THIS CHAPTER DOES NOT APPLY ON AND AFTER AUGUST 1,
- 21 2017.