HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1

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

by amending sections 150, 2105, 2106, 2108, 2111, 2118, 2120, 3101, 3101a, 3104, 3107, 3111, 3112, 3113, 3114, 3115, 3135, 3142, 3145, 3148, 3157, 3163, 3172, 3173a, 3174, 3175, and 3177 (MCL 500.150, 500.2105, 500.2106, 500.2108, 500.2111, 500.2118, 500.2120, 500.3101, 500.3101a, 500.3104, 500.3107, 500.3111, 500.3112, 500.3113, 500.3114, 500.3115, 500.3135, 500.3142, 500.3145, 500.3148, 500.3157, 500.3163, 500.3172, 500.3173a, 500.3174, 500.3175, and 500.3177), section 150 as amended by 1992 PA 182, section 2108 as amended by 2015 PA 141, section 2111 as amended by 2012 PA 441, sections 2118 and 2120 as amended by 2007 PA 35, section 3101 as amended by 2017 PA 140, section 3101a as amended by





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2018 PA 510, section 3104 as amended by 2002 PA 662, section 3107 as amended by 2012 PA 542, section 3113 as amended by 2016 PA 346, section 3114 as amended by 2016 PA 347, section 3135 as amended by 2012 PA 158, section 3163 as amended by 2002 PA 697, sections 3172, 3173a, 3174, and 3175 as amended by 2012 PA 204, and section 3177 as amended by 1984 PA 426, and by adding sections 261, 2111f, 2116b, 3107c, 3107d, 3107e, 3157a, 3157b and chapter 63.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 150. (1) Any Except as provided in subsection (5), any 1 2 person who violates any provision of this act for which a specific 3 penalty is not provided under any other provision of this act or of other laws applicable to the violation shall must be afforded an 4 opportunity for a hearing before the commissioner pursuant to 5 director under the administrative procedures act of 1969, Act No. 6 7 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being sections 1969 PA 306, MCL 8 24.201 to 24.328. of the Michigan Compiled Laws. If the 9 commissioner director finds that a violation has occurred, the 10 commissioner director shall reduce the findings and decision to writing and shall-issue and cause to be served upon on the person 11 12 charged with the violation a copy of the findings and an order 13 requiring the person to cease and desist from the violation. In addition, the commissioner director may order any of the following: 14 15 (a) Payment of a civil fine of not more than \$500.00 for each

16 violation. However, if the person knew or reasonably should have 17 known that he or she was in violation of this act, the commissioner 18 director may order the payment of a civil fine of not more than 19 \$2,500.00 for each violation. With respect to filings made under 20 chapters 21, 22, 23, 24, and 26, "violation" means a filing not in 21 compliance with the provisions of those chapters and does not



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include an action with respect to an individual policy based upon 1 on a noncomplying filing. With respect to an act or omission 2 3 described in section 4503, a fine under this section may be ordered in addition to and not instead of a penalty or restitution under 4 section 4511. An order of the commissioner director under this 5 6 subdivision shall must not require the payment of civil fines 7 exceeding \$25,000.00. \$50,000.00. A fine collected under this 8 subdivision shall must be turned over to the state treasurer and 9 credited to the general fund, except that a fine collected for an 10 act or omission under section 4503 must be credited to the 11 automobile insurance fraud fund created in section 6304.

12 (b) The suspension, limitation, or revocation of the person's13 license or certificate of authority.

14 (2) After notice and opportunity for hearing, the commissioner 15 director may by order reopen and alter, modify, or set aside, in 16 whole or in part, an order issued under this section if, in the 17 commissioner's director's opinion, conditions of fact or law have 18 changed to require that action or the public interest requires that 19 action.

20 (3) If a person knowingly violates a cease and desist order 21 under this section and has been given notice and an opportunity for 22 a hearing held pursuant to Act No. 306 of the Public Acts under the 23 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24 24.328, the commissioner director may order a civil fine of 25 \$10,000.00 for each violation, or a suspension, limitation, or revocation of a-the person's license, or both. A fine collected 26 27 under this subsection shall must be turned over to the state 28 treasurer and credited to the general fund, except that if the 29 cease and desist order related to an act or omission under section



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4503, the fine must be credited to the automobile insurance fraud
 fund created in section 6304.

3 (4) The commissioner director may apply to the Ingham county
4 County circuit court for an order of the court enjoining a
5 violation of this act.

6 (5) Notwithstanding the limitation in subsection (1) of the 7 applicability of this section to a violation for which a specific 8 penalty is not provided, the provisions of subsection (1) relating 9 to a civil fine and license sanctions, and subsections (2) to (4) 10 apply to an act or omission described in section 4503.

Sec. 261. (1) The department shall maintain on its internetwebsite a page that does all of the following:

(a) Advises that the department may be able to assist a person
who believes that an automobile insurer is not paying benefits, not
making timely payments, or otherwise not performing as it is
obligated to do under an insurance policy.

(b) Advises the person of selected important rights that the
person has under chapter 20 that specifically relate to automobile
insurers and the payment of benefits by automobile insurers.

(c) Allows the person to submit an explanation of the facts ofthe person's problems with the automobile insurer.

(d) Allows the person to submit electronically, or instructs
the person how to provide paper copies of, any documentation to
support the facts submitted under subdivision (c).

(e) Explains to the person the steps that the department will
take and that may be taken after information is submitted under
this section.

(f) Anything else that the director determines to be importantin relation to subdivisions (a) to (e).



1 (2) The department shall maintain on its internet website a 2 page that advises consumers about the changes to automobile 3 insurance in this state that were made by the amendatory act that 4 added this section, including, among any other information that the 5 director determines to be important, ways to shop competitively for 6 insurance.

7 (3) The department shall maintain on its internet website a
8 page that allows a person to report insurance fraud and unfair
9 settlement and claims practices to the department.

Sec. 2105. (1) No A policy of automobile insurance or home insurance shall must not be offered, bound, made, issued, delivered or renewed in this state on and after January 1, 1981, except in conformity with unless the policy conforms to this chapter. This chapter shall not apply to policies of automobile insurance or home insurance offered, bound, made, issued, delivered or renewed in this state before January 1, 1981.

17 (2) This Except as otherwise expressly provided in subsection
18 (3) and this chapter, this chapter shall does not apply to
19 insurance written on a group, franchise, blanket policy, or similar
20 basis which that offers home insurance or automobile insurance to
21 all members of the group, franchise plan, or blanket coverage who
22 are eligible persons.

(3) An insurer, including, but not limited to, an insurer that writes insurance as described in subsection (2) and an insurer that is exempted from any of the requirements of this chapter for any reason, shall not establish or maintain rates or rating classifications for automobile insurance based on a factor that is not allowed, or that is prohibited, under section 2111.

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Sec. 2106. (1) Except as specifically provided in this



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chapter, the provisions of chapter 24 and chapter 26 shall do not
 apply to automobile insurance and home insurance.

3 (2) Subject to section 2108(6), an insurer shall file and use4 rates for automobile insurance in accordance with chapter 24.

5 (3) An insurer may use rates for automobile insurance or home
6 insurance as soon as those rates are filed.

7 (4) To the extent that other provisions of this code act are
8 inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, this chapter
9 shall govern governs with respect to automobile insurance and home
10 insurance.

11 Sec. 2108. (1) On the effective date of a manual of classification, manual of rules and rates, rating plan, or 12 modification of a manual of classification, manual of rules and 13 14 rates, or rating plan that an insurer proposes to use for 15 automobile insurance or home insurance, the insurer shall file the 16 manual or plan with the director. For automobile insurance, an 17 insurer shall file a manual or plan described in this subsection in 18 accordance with subsection (6). Each filing under this subsection 19 must state the character and extent of the coverage contemplated. 20 An insurer that is subject to this chapter and that maintains rates in any part of this state shall at all times maintain rates in 21 effect for all eligible persons meeting the underwriting criteria 22 23 of the insurer.

(2) An insurer may satisfy its obligation to make filings
under subsection (1) by becoming a member of, or a subscriber to, a
rating organization licensed under chapter 24 or chapter 26 that
makes the filings, and by filing with the director a copy of its
authorization of the rating organization to make the filings on its
behalf. This chapter does not require an insurer to become a member



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of or a subscriber to a rating organization. An insurer may file 1 and use deviations from filings made on its behalf. The deviations 2 are subject to this chapter. 3

4 (3) A filing under this section must be accompanied by a 5 certification by or on behalf of the insurer that, to the best of 6 the insurer's information and belief, the filing conforms to the 7 requirements of this chapter.

8 (4) A filing under this section must include information that 9 supports the filing with respect to the requirements of section 10 2109. The information may include 1 or more of the following:

11 (a) The experience or judgment of the insurer or rating 12 organization making the filing.

13 (b) The interpretation of the insurer or rating organization 14 of any statistical data it relies on.

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(c) The experience of other insurers or rating organizations. 16 (d) Any other relevant information.

17 (5) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the department shall make a filing under this section and any 18 19 accompanying information open to public inspection on filing. An 20 insurer or a rating organization filing on the insurer's behalf may 21 designate information included in the filing or any accompanying information as a trade secret. The insurer or the rating 22 23 organization filing on behalf of the insurer shall demonstrate to 24 the director that the designated information is a trade secret. If 25 the director determines that the information is a trade secret, the 26 information is not subject to public inspection and is exempt from the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246. 27 As used in this subsection, "trade secret" means that term as 28 29 defined in section 2 of the uniform trade secrets act, 1998 PA 448,



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MCL 445.1902. However, trade secret does not include filings and
 information accompanying filings under this section that were
 subject to public inspection before the effective date of the
 amendatory act that added this sentence.January 11, 2016.

5 (6) For automobile insurance, an insurer shall file a manual 6 or plan described in this subsection in accordance with chapter 24, 7 except that the manual or plan must remain on file for a waiting 8 period of 90 days before it becomes effective, which period may not 9 be extended by the director, and the waiting period applies 10 regardless of whether supporting information is required by the 11 director under section 2406(1).

12 (7) (6) An insurer shall not make, issue, or renew a contract
13 or policy except in accordance with filings that are in effect for
14 the insurer under this chapter.

(8) A filing under this chapter must specify that the insurer will not refuse to insure, refuse to continue to insure, or limit the amount of coverage available because of the location of the risk, and that the insurer recognizes those practices to constitute redlining. An insurer shall not engage in redlining as described in this subsection.

Sec. 2111. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this act or this chapter to the contrary, classifications and territorial base rates used by an insurer in this state with respect to automobile insurance or home insurance shall must conform to the applicable requirements of this section.

(2) Classifications established under this section for
automobile insurance shall must be based only on 1 or more of the
following factors, which shall must be applied by an insurer on a
uniform basis throughout this state:



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1 (a) With respect to all automobile insurance coverages:

2 (i) Either the age of the driver; the length of driving
3 experience; or the number of years licensed to operate a motor
4 vehicle.

5 (*ii*) Driver primacy, based on the proportionate use of each
6 vehicle insured under the policy by individual drivers insured or
7 to be insured under the policy.

8 (iii) Average miles driven weekly, annually, or both.

9 (*iv*) Type of use, such as business, farm, or pleasure use.
10 (*v*) Vehicle characteristics, features, and options, such as
11 engine displacement, ability of the vehicle and its equipment to
12 protect passengers from injury, and other similar items, including
13 vehicle make and model.

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(vi) Daily or weekly commuting mileage.

15 (vii) Number of cars insured by the insurer or number of 16 licensed operators in the household. However, number of licensed 17 operators shall must not be used as an indirect measure of marital 18 status.

19 (*viii*) Amount of insurance.

(b) In addition to the factors prescribed in subdivision (a),
with respect to personal protection insurance coverage:

(*i*) Earned income.

23 (*ii*) Number of dependents of income earners insured under the24 policy.

25 (*iii*) Coordination of benefits.

26 (*iv*) Use of a safety belt.

27 (c) In addition to the factors prescribed in subdivision (a),28 with respect to collision and comprehensive coverages:



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(i) The anticipated cost of vehicle repairs or replacement,
 which may be measured by age, price, cost new, or value of the
 insured automobile, and other factors directly relating to that
 anticipated cost.

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(ii) Vehicle make and model.

6 (iii) Vehicle design characteristics related to vehicle7 damageability.

8 (*iv*) Vehicle characteristics relating to automobile theft9 prevention devices.

10 (d) With respect to all automobile insurance coverage other 11 than comprehensive, successful completion by the individual driver 12 or drivers insured under the policy of an accident prevention 13 education course that meets the following criteria:

14 (i) The course shall must include a minimum of 8 hours of15 classroom instruction.

16 (ii) The course shall must include, but not be limited to, a 17 review of all of the following:

18 (A) The effects of aging on driving behavior.

19 (B) The shapes, colors, and types of road signs.

20 (C) The effects of alcohol and medication on driving.

21 (D) The laws relating to the proper use of a motor vehicle.

22 (E) Accident prevention measures.

23 (F) The benefits of safety belts and child restraints.

24 (G) Major driving hazards.

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25 (H) Interaction with other highway users, such as26 motorcyclists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.
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27 (3) Each insurer shall establish a secondary or merit rating
28 plan for automobile insurance, other than comprehensive coverage. A
29 secondary or merit rating plan required under this subsection shall



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1 must provide for premium surcharges for any or all coverages for 2 automobile insurance, other than comprehensive coverage, based upon 3 on any or all of the following, when that information becomes 4 available to the insurer:

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(a) Substantially at-fault accidents.

6 (b) Convictions for, determinations of responsibility for 7 civil infractions for, or findings of responsibility in probate 8 court for civil infractions for violations under chapter VI of the 9 Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.601 to 257.750. 10 However, an insured shall must not be merit rated for a civil 11 infraction under chapter VI of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.601 to 257.750, for a period of time longer than that 12 which the secretary of state's office carries points for that 13 14 infraction on the insured's motor vehicle record.

15 (4) An insurer shall not establish or maintain rates or rating
16 classifications for automobile insurance based on sex or marital
17 status or a nondriving factor.

18 (5) Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter,19 automobile insurance risks may be grouped by territory.

(6) This section does not limit insurers or rating 20 organizations from establishing and maintaining statistical 21 reporting territories. This section does not prohibit an insurer 22 23 from establishing or maintaining, for automobile insurance, a 24 premium discount plan for senior citizens in this state who are 65 25 years of age or older, if the plan is uniformly applied by the insurer throughout this state. If an insurer has not established 26 27 and maintained a premium discount plan for senior citizens, the insurer shall offer reduced premium rates to senior citizens in 28 29 this state who are 65 years of age or older and who drive less than



1 3,000 miles per vear, regardless of statistical data.

2 (7) Classifications established under this section for home
3 insurance other than inland marine insurance provided by policy
4 floaters or endorsements shall must be based only on 1 or more of
5 the following factors:

6 (a) Amount and types of coverage.

7 (b) Security and safety devices, including locks, smoke8 detectors, and similar, related devices.

9 (c) Repairable structural defects reasonably related to risk.

10 (d) Fire protection class.

11 (e) Construction of structure, based on structure size,12 building material components, and number of units.

(f) Loss experience of the insured, based on prior claims attributable to factors under the control of the insured that have been paid by an insurer. An insured's failure, after written notice from the insurer, to correct a physical condition that presents a risk of repeated loss shall be considered is a factor under the control of the insured for purposes of this subdivision.

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(g) Use of smoking materials within the structure.

20 (h) Distance of the structure from a fire hydrant.

21 (i) Availability of law enforcement or crime prevention22 services.

23 (8) Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, home24 insurance risks may be grouped by territory.

(9) An insurer may use factors in addition to those permitted
by this section for insurance if the plan is consistent with the
purposes of this act and reflects reasonably anticipated reductions
or increases in losses or expenses.

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(10) As used in this section, "nondriving factors" means any



factor for which there is no rational correlation between the 1 2 factor and insurance losses. The director shall promulgate rules 3 under the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 4 24.201 to 24.328, to establish the factors that are nondriving factors. After the rules are promulgated under this subsection, an 5 6 insurer shall not use a factor to establish a rate for automobile 7 insurance if the factor is in the rules promulgated under this 8 subsection.

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9 Sec. 2111f. (1) Before 6 months after the effective date of 10 the amendatory act that added this section, an insurer that offers 11 automobile insurance in this state shall file premium rates for 12 personal protection insurance coverage for automobile insurance 13 policies effective after 6 months after the effective date of the 14 amendatory act that added this section and before 1 year and 6 15 months after the effective date of the amendatory act that added 16 this section.

17 (2) The premium rates filed under subsection (1), and any 18 subsequent premium rates filed by the insurer for personal 19 protection insurance coverage under automobile insurance policies 20 effective before 5 years and 6 months after the effective date of 21 the amendatory act that added this section, must result, as nearly 22 as practicable, in an average reduction per vehicle from the 23 premium rates for personal protection insurance coverage that were 24 in effect for the insurer on May 1, 2019 as follows:

(a) For policies subject to the coverage limits under section
3107c(1)(a), an average 80% or greater reduction per vehicle.

(b) For policies subject to the coverage limits under section
3107c(1)(b), an average 60% or greater reduction per vehicle.

29 (c) For policies subject to the coverage limits under section



1 3107c(1)(c), an average 30% or greater reduction per vehicle.

2 (d) For policies not subject to any coverage limit under
3 section 3107c(1)(d), an average 10% or greater reduction per
4 vehicle.

5 (3) For a policy under which an election under section 3107d 6 has been made to not maintain coverage for personal protection 7 insurance benefits payable under section 3107(1)(a), the premium 8 rates filed under subsection (1), and any subsequent premium rates 9 filed by the insurer for personal protection insurance coverage 10 under automobile insurance policies effective before 5 years and 6 11 months after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section, must result in no premium charge for coverage for 12 13 personal protection insurance benefits payable under section 14 3107(1)(a).

15 (4) The director shall review premium rates filed by an
16 insurer under subsections (1) to (3) for compliance with
17 subsections (1) to (3). The director shall disapprove a filing that
18 does not comply with subsections (1) to (3).

(5) If the director disapproves a premium rate filing under subsection (4), the insurer shall submit a revised premium rate filing to the director within 15 days of the disapproval. The premium rate filing is subject to review in the same manner as an original premium rate filing under subsection (4).

(6) After 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section and before 5 years and 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section, an insurer shall not issue or renew an automobile insurance policy in this state unless the premium rates filed by the insurer for personal protection insurance coverage are approved under this



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1 section.

2 (7) For purposes of calculating a personal protection
3 insurance premium or premium rate under this section, the premium
4 includes the catastrophic claims assessment imposed under section
5 3104.

6 Sec. 2116b. (1) Subject to subsection (2), an automobile 7 insurer shall not refuse to insure, refuse to continue to insure, 8 limit coverage available to, charge a reinstatement fee for, or 9 increase the premiums for automobile insurance for an eligible 10 person solely because the person previously failed to maintain 11 insurance required by section 3101 for a vehicle owned by the 12 person.

13 (2) This section only applies to an eligible person that
14 applies for automobile insurance within 1 year after the effective
15 date of this section.

Sec. 2118. (1) As a condition of maintaining its certificate of authority, an insurer shall not refuse to insure, refuse to continue to insure, or limit coverage available to an eligible person for automobile insurance, except in accordance with underwriting rules established <u>pursuant to as provided in this</u> section and sections 2119 and 2120.

(2) The underwriting rules that an insurer may establish for
automobile insurance shall must be based only on the following:

24 (a) Criteria identical to the standards set forth in section25 2103(1).

(b) The insurance eligibility point accumulation in excess of
the amounts established by section 2103(1) of a member of the
household of the eligible person insured or to be insured, if the
member of the household usually accounts for 10% or more of the use



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1 of a vehicle insured or to be insured. For purposes of this
2 subdivision, a person who is the principal driver for 1 automobile
3 insurance policy shall be is rebuttably presumed not to usually
4 account for more than 10% of the use of other vehicles of the
5 household not insured under the policy of that person.

6 (c) With respect to a vehicle insured or to be insured,
7 substantial modifications from the vehicle's original manufactured
8 state for purposes of increasing the speed or acceleration
9 capabilities of the vehicle.

10 (d) Except as otherwise provided in section 2116a or 2116b, failure by the person to provide proof that insurance required by 11 section 3101 was maintained in force with respect to any vehicle 12 that was both owned by the person and driven or moved by the person 13 14 or by a member of the household of the person during the 6-month 15 period immediately preceding application. Such The proof shall must 16 take the form of a certification by the person on a form provided by the insurer that the vehicle was not driven or moved without 17 18 maintaining the insurance required by section 3101 during the 6-19 month period immediately preceding application.

20 (e) Type of vehicle insured or to be insured, based on 1 of21 the following, without regard to the age of the vehicle:

22 (i) The vehicle is of limited production or of custom23 manufacture.

24 (*ii*) The insurer does not have a rate lawfully in effect for25 the type of vehicle.

26 (*iii*) The vehicle represents exposure to extraordinary expense
27 for repair or replacement under comprehensive or collision
28 coverage.

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(f) Use of a vehicle insured or to be insured for



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1 transportation of passengers for hire, for rental purposes, or for
2 commercial purposes. Rules under this subdivision shall must not be
3 based on the use of a vehicle for volunteer or charitable purposes
4 or for which reimbursement for normal operating expenses is
5 received.

6 (g) Payment of a minimum deposit at the time of application or
7 renewal, not to exceed the smallest deposit required under an
8 extended payment or premium finance plan customarily used by the
9 insurer.

10 (h) For purposes of requiring comprehensive deductibles of not 11 more than \$150.00, or of refusing to insure if the person refuses 12 to accept a required deductible, the claim experience of the person 13 with respect to comprehensive coverage.

14 (i) Total abstinence from the consumption of alcoholic 15 beverages except if such beverages are consumed as part of a 16 religious ceremony. However, an insurer shall not utilize use an 17 underwriting rule based on this subdivision unless the insurer has been was authorized to transact automobile insurance in this state 18 prior to before January 1, 1981, and has consistently utilized used 19 20 such an underwriting rule as part of the insurer's automobile insurance underwriting since being authorized to transact 21 automobile insurance in this state. 22

(j) One or more incidents involving a threat, harassment, or physical assault by the insured or applicant for insurance on an insurer employee, agent, or agent employee while acting within the scope of his or her employment, so long as if a report of the incident was filed with an appropriate law enforcement agency.

28 Sec. 2120. (1) Affiliated insurers may establish underwriting29 rules so that each affiliate will provide automobile insurance only



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1 to certain eligible persons. This subsection shall apply applies 2 only if an eligible person can obtain automobile insurance from 1 3 of the affiliates. The underwriting rules shall must be in 4 compliance with this section and sections 2118 and 2119.

5 (2) An insurer may establish separate rating plans so that 6 certain eligible persons are provided automobile insurance under 1 7 rating plan and other eligible persons are provided automobile 8 insurance under another rating plan. This subsection shall apply 9 applies only if all eligible persons can obtain automobile 10 insurance under a rating plan of the insurer. Underwriting rules 11 consistent with this section and sections 2118 and 2119 shall must be established to define the rating plan applicable to each 12 13 eligible person.

14 (3) Underwriting rules under this section shall must be based 15 only on the following:

16 (a) With respect to a vehicle insured or to be insured,
17 substantial modifications from the vehicle's original manufactured
18 state for purposes of increasing the speed or acceleration
19 capabilities of the vehicle.

20 (b) Except as otherwise provided in section 2116a or 2116b, 21 failure of the person to provide proof that insurance required by section 3101 was maintained in force with respect to any vehicle 22 23 owned and operated by the person or by a member of the household of the person during the 6-month period immediately preceding 24 25 application or renewal of the policy. Such The proof shall must take the form of a certification by the person that the required 26 27 insurance was maintained in force for the 6-month period with respect to such the vehicle. 28

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(c) For purposes of insuring persons who have refused a



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deductible lawfully required under section 2118(2)(h), the claim
 experience of the person with respect to comprehensive coverage.
 (d) Refusal of the person to pay a minimum deposit required

4 under section 2118(2)(g).

(e) A person's insurance eligibility point accumulation under
section 2103(1)(h), or the total insurance eligibility point
accumulation of all persons who account for 10% or more of the use
of 1 or more vehicles insured or to be insured under the policy.

9 (f) The type of vehicle insured or to be insured as provided10 in section 2118(2)(e).

11 Sec. 3101. (1) The Except as provided in section 3107d, the owner or registrant of a motor vehicle required to be registered in 12 this state shall maintain security for payment of benefits under 13 14 15 as required under this chapter, and residual liability insurance. 16 Security is only required to be in effect during the period the 17 motor vehicle is driven or moved on a highway. Notwithstanding any other provision in this act, an insurer that has issued an 18 19 automobile insurance policy on a motor vehicle that is not driven 20 or moved on a highway may allow the insured owner or registrant of the motor vehicle to delete a portion of the coverages under the 21 policy and maintain the comprehensive coverage portion of the 22 23 policy in effect.

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(2) As used in this chapter:

25 (a) "Automobile insurance" means that term as defined in26 section 2102.

27 (b) "Commercial quadricycle" means a vehicle to which all of28 the following apply:

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(i) The vehicle has fully operative pedals for propulsion



1 entirely by human power.

2 (*ii*) The vehicle has at least 4 wheels and is operated in a
3 manner similar to a bicycle.

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(iii) The vehicle has at least 6 seats for passengers.

5 (*iv*) The vehicle is designed to be occupied by a driver and
6 powered either by passengers providing pedal power to the drive
7 train of the vehicle or by a motor capable of propelling the
8 vehicle in the absence of human power.

(v) The vehicle is used for commercial purposes.

10 (vi) The vehicle is operated by the owner of the vehicle or an
11 employee of the owner of the vehicle.

12 (c) "Electric bicycle" means that term as defined in section13 13e of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.13e.

14 (d) "Golf cart" means a vehicle designed for transportation15 while playing the game of golf.

16 (e) "Highway" means highway or street as that term is defined
17 in section 20 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL
18 257.20.

(f) "Moped" means that term as defined in section 32b of theMichigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.32b.

(g) "Motorcycle" means a vehicle that has a saddle or seat for the use of the rider, is designed to travel on not more than 3 wheels in contact with the ground, and is equipped with a motor that exceeds 50 cubic centimeters piston displacement. For purposes of this subdivision, the wheels on any attachment to the vehicle are not considered as wheels in contact with the ground. Motorcycle does not include a moped or an ORV.

28 (h) "Motorcycle accident" means a loss that involves the29 ownership, operation, maintenance, or use of a motorcycle as a



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motorcycle, but does not involve the ownership, operation,
 maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle as a motor vehicle.

3 (i) "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle, including a trailer, that
4 is operated or designed for operation on a public highway by power
5 other than muscular power and has more than 2 wheels. Motor vehicle
6 does not include any of the following:

- 7 (i) A motorcycle.
- **8** (*ii*) A moped.

9 (iii) A farm tractor or other implement of husbandry that is not
10 subject to the registration requirements of the Michigan vehicle
11 code under section 216 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300,
12 MCL 257.216.

- **13** (*iv*) An ORV.
- 14 (v) A golf cart.
- 15 (vi) A power-driven mobility device.
- 16 (*vii*) A commercial quadricycle.
- 17 (*viii*) An electric bicycle.

(j) "Motor vehicle accident" means a loss that involves the ownership, operation, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle as a motor vehicle regardless of whether the accident also involves the ownership, operation, maintenance, or use of a motorcycle as a motorcycle.

(k) "ORV" means a motor-driven recreation vehicle designed for off-road use and capable of cross-country travel without benefit of road or trail, on or immediately over land, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain. ORV includes, but is not limited to, a multitrack or multiwheel drive vehicle, a motorcycle or related 2-wheel, 3-wheel, or 4-wheel vehicle, an amphibious machine, a ground effect air cushion vehicle, an ATV as defined in



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1 section 81101 of the natural resources and environmental protection 2 act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.81101, or other means of transportation 3 deriving motive power from a source other than muscle or wind. ORV 4 does not include a vehicle described in this subdivision that is 5 registered for use on a public highway and has the security 6 required under subsection (1) or section 3103 in effect.

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(*l*) "Owner" means any of the following:

8 (i) A person renting a motor vehicle or having the use of a
9 motor vehicle, under a lease or otherwise, for a period that is
10 greater than 30 days.

(ii) A person renting a motorcycle or having the use of a motorcycle under a lease for a period that is greater than 30 days, or otherwise for a period that is greater than 30 consecutive days. A person who borrows a motorcycle for a period that is less than 30 consecutive days with the consent of the owner is not an owner under this subparagraph.

17 (iii) A person that holds the legal title to a motor vehicle or 18 motorcycle, other than a person engaged in the business of leasing 19 motor vehicles or motorcycles that is the lessor of a motor vehicle 20 or motorcycle under a lease that provides for the use of the motor 21 vehicle or motorcycle by the lessee for a period that is greater 22 than 30 days.

23 (*iv*) A person that has the immediate right of possession of a24 motor vehicle or motorcycle under an installment sale contract.

(m) "Power-driven mobility device" means a wheelchair or other mobility device powered by a battery, fuel, or other engine and designed to be used by an individual with a mobility disability for the purpose of locomotion.

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(n) "Registrant" does not include a person engaged in the



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business of leasing motor vehicles or motorcycles that is the
 lessor of a motor vehicle or motorcycle under a lease that provides
 for the use of the motor vehicle or motorcycle by the lessee for a
 period that is longer than 30 days.

5 (3) Security required by subsection (1) may be provided under
6 a policy issued by an authorized insurer that affords insurance for
7 the payment of benefits described in subsection (1). A policy of
8 insurance represented or sold as providing security is considered
9 to provide insurance for the payment of the benefits.

10 (4) Security required by subsection (1) may be provided by any 11 other method approved by the secretary of state as affording security equivalent to that afforded by a policy of insurance, if 12 proof of the security is filed and continuously maintained with the 13 14 secretary of state throughout the period the motor vehicle is 15 driven or moved on a highway. The person filing the security has all the obligations and rights of an insurer under this chapter. 16 When the context permits, "insurer" as used in this chapter, 17 18 includes a person that files the security as provided in this 19 section.

20 (5) An insurer that issues a policy that provides the security
21 required under subsection (1) may exclude coverage under the policy
22 as provided in section 3017.

Sec. 3101a. (1) An insurer, in conjunction with the issuance of an automobile insurance policy, shall provide to the insured 1 certificate of insurance for each insured vehicle and for private passenger nonfleet automobiles listed on the policy shall supply to the secretary of state the automobile insurer's name, the name of the named insured, the named insured's address, the vehicle identification number for each vehicle listed on the policy, and



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the policy number. The insurer shall transmit the information
 required under this subsection in a format as required by the
 secretary of state. The secretary of state shall not require the
 information to be transmitted more frequently than every 14 days.

5 (2) The secretary of state shall provide policy information 6 received under subsection (1) to the Michigan automobile insurance 7 placement facility as required for the Michigan automobile 8 insurance placement facility to comply with this act. Information 9 received by the Michigan automobile insurance placement facility 10 under this subsection is confidential and is not subject to the 11 freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246. The Michigan automobile insurance placement facility shall only use the 12 information for purposes of administering the assigned claims plan 13 14 under this chapter and shall not disclose the information to any 15 person unless it is for the purpose of administering the assigned 16 claims plan or in compliance with an order by a court of competent 17 jurisdiction in connection with a fraud investigation or 18 prosecution.

19 (3) (2) The secretary of state shall provide policy
20 information received under subsection (1) to the department of
21 health and human services as required for the department of health
22 and human services to comply with 2006 PA 593, MCL 550.281 to
23 550.289.

(4) (3) The secretary of state shall accept as proof of
vehicle insurance a transmission of the insured vehicle's vehicle
identification number. Policy information submitted by an insurer
and received by the secretary of state under this section is
confidential, is not subject to the freedom of information act,
1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246, and shall must not be disclosed



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to any person except the department of health and human services 1 for purposes of 2006 PA 593, MCL 550.281 to 550.289, or pursuant to 2 an order by a court of competent jurisdiction in connection with a 3 claim or fraud investigation or prosecution. The transmission to 4 the secretary of state of a vehicle identification number is proof 5 6 of insurance to the secretary of state for motor vehicle 7 registration purposes only and is not evidence that a policy of insurance actually exists between an insurer and an individual. 8

9 (5) (4) A person who supplies false information to the
10 secretary of state under this section or who issues or uses an
11 altered, fraudulent, or counterfeit certificate of insurance is
12 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more
13 than 1 year or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

14 (6) (5) The department of health and human services shall 15 report to the senate and house of representatives appropriations 16 committees and standing committees concerning insurance issues on 17 the number of claims and total dollar amount recovered from automobile insurers under 2006 PA 593, MCL 550.281 to 550.289. The 18 19 reports required by this subsection must be given to the 20 appropriations committees and standing committees concerning insurance issues by December 30 of each year and must cover the 21 preceding 12-month period. 22

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(7) (6)As used in this section:

24 (a) "Automobile insurance" means that term as defined in25 section 3303.

(b) "Private passenger nonfleet automobile" means that term asdefined in section 3303.

28 Sec. 3104. (1) An-The catastrophic claims association is
29 created as an unincorporated, nonprofit association. to be known as



the catastrophic claims association, hereinafter referred to as the 1 association, is created. Each insurer engaged in writing insurance 2 3 coverages that provide the security required by section 3101(1) within in this state, as a condition of its authority to transact 4 insurance in this state, shall be a member of the association and 5 6 shall be is bound by the plan of operation of the association. Each 7 **An** insurer engaged in writing insurance coverages that provide the 8 security required by section 3103(1) within in this state, as a 9 condition of its authority to transact insurance in this state, 10 shall be is considered to be a member of the association, but only 11 for purposes of premiums under subsection (7)(d). Except as expressly provided in this section, the association is not subject 12 to any laws of this state with respect to insurers, but in all 13 14 other respects the association is subject to the laws of this state 15 to the extent that the association would be if it were an insurer organized and subsisting under chapter 50. 16

(2) The For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed 17 18 before 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory act that 19 added section 3107c and for a motor vehicle accident policy issued 20 or renewed after 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory act that added section 3107c for which the coverage 21 22 level under section 3107c(1)(d) applies, the association shall 23 provide and each member shall accept indemnification for 100% of 24 the amount of ultimate loss sustained under personal protection 25 insurance coverages in excess of the following amounts in each loss 26 occurrence:

27 (a) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed28 before July 1, 2002, \$250,000.00.

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(b) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed



during the period July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, \$300,000.00. 1 2 (c) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed during the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, \$325,000.00. 3 (d) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed 4 during the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, \$350,000.00. 5 6 (e) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed 7 during the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, \$375,000.00. 8 (f) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed 9 during the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, \$400,000.00. 10 (g) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed 11 during the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, \$420,000.00. (h) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed 12 during the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, \$440,000.00. 13 14 (i) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed 15 during the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, \$460,000.00. 16 (j) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed during the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, \$480,000.00. 17 (k) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed 18 during the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013, \$500,000.00. 19 20 (1) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed during the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015, \$530,000.00. 21 22 (m) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed 23 during the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017, \$545,000.00. 24 (n) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed during the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019, \$555,000.00. 25 26 (o) For a motor vehicle accident policy issued or renewed during the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021, \$580,000.00. 27 Beginning July 1, 2013, **2021**, this \$500,000.00 **\$580,000.00** amount 28 shall must be increased biennially on July 1 of each odd-numbered 29



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year, for policies issued or renewed before July 1 of the following odd-numbered year, by the lesser of 6% or the consumer price index, Consumer Price Index, and rounded to the nearest \$5,000.00. This The association shall calculate this biennial adjustment shall be calculated by the association by January 1 of the year of its July 1 effective date.

7 (3) An insurer may withdraw from the association only upon on
8 ceasing to write insurance that provides the security required by
9 section 3101(1) in this state.

10 (4) An insurer whose membership in the association has been 11 terminated by withdrawal shall continue continues to be bound by 12 the plan of operation, and upon on withdrawal, all unpaid premiums 13 that have been charged to the withdrawing member are payable as of 14 the effective date of the withdrawal.

(5) An unsatisfied net liability to the association of an insolvent member shall must be assumed by and apportioned among the remaining members of the association as provided in the plan of operation. The association has all rights allowed by law on behalf of the remaining members against the estate or funds of the insolvent member for sums money due the association.

(6) If a member has been merged or consolidated into another
insurer or another insurer has reinsured a member's entire business
that provides the security required by section 3101(1) in this
state, the member and successors in interest of the member remain
liable for the member's obligations.

26 (7) The association shall do all of the following on behalf of27 the members of the association:

28 (a) Assume 100% of all liability as provided in subsection29 (2).



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(b) Establish procedures by which members shall must promptly 1 2 report to the association each claim that, on the basis of the injuries or damages sustained, may reasonably be anticipated to 3 involve the association if the member is ultimately held legally 4 5 liable for the injuries or damages. Solely for the purpose of 6 reporting claims, the member shall in all instances consider itself 7 legally liable for the injuries or damages. The member shall also 8 advise the association of subsequent developments likely to 9 materially affect the interest of the association in the claim.

10 (c) Maintain relevant loss and expense data relative relating 11 to all liabilities of the association and require each member to 12 furnish statistics, in connection with liabilities of the 13 association, at the times and in the form and detail as may be 14 required by the plan of operation.

15 (d) In a manner provided for in the plan of operation, 16 calculate and charge to members of the association a total premium 17 sufficient to cover the expected losses and expenses of the association that the association will likely incur during the 18 19 period for which the premium is applicable. The **total** premium shall 20 must include an amount to cover incurred but not reported losses 21 for the period and may must be adjusted for any excess or deficient premiums from previous periods. Excesses or deficiencies from 22 23 previous periods may must either be fully adjusted in a single period or may be adjusted over several periods in a manner provided 24 25 for in the plan of operation. Each member shall must be charged an amount equal to that member's total written car years of insurance 26 27 providing the security required by section 3101(1) or 3103(1), or both, written in this state during the period to which the premium 28 29 applies, with the total written car years of insurance multiplied



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by the **applicable** average premium per car. The average premium per 1 2 car shall be is the total premium, calculated as adjusted for any 3 excesses or deficiencies, divided by the total written car years of 4 insurance providing the security required by section 3101(1) or 3103(1), or both, written in this state of all members during the 5 6 period to which the premium applies, excluding cars insured under a 7 policy with a coverage limit under section 3107c(1)(a), (b), or (c) 8 or as to which an election to not maintain personal protection 9 insurance benefits has been made under section 3107d except for any 10 portion of total premium that is an adjustment for a deficiency in 11 a previous period. A member may not be charged a premium for a car insured under a policy with a coverage limit under section 12 13 3107c(1)(a), (b), or (c) or as to which an election to not maintain 14 personal protection insurance benefits has been made under section 15 3107d other than for the portion of the total premium attributable to an adjustment for a deficiency in a previous period. A member 16 shall must be charged a premium for a historic vehicle that is 17 18 insured with the member of 20% of the premium charged for a car insured with the member. As used in this subdivision: 19

20 (i) "Car" includes a motorcycle but does not include a historic 21 vehicle.

(ii) "Historic vehicle" means a vehicle that is a registered
historic vehicle under section 803a or 803p of the Michigan vehicle
code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.803a and 257.803p.

(e) Require and accept the payment of premiums from members of
the association as provided for in the plan of operation. The
association shall do either of the following:

28 (i) Require payment of the premium in full within 45 days after29 the premium charge.



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(ii) Require payment of the premiums to be made periodically to
 cover the actual cash obligations of the association.

3 (f) Receive and distribute all sums money required by the4 operation of the association.

5 (q) Establish procedures for reviewing claims procedures and practices of members of the association. If the claims procedures 6 7 or practices of a member are considered inadequate to properly 8 service the liabilities of the association, the association may 9 undertake or may contract with another person, including another 10 member, to adjust or assist in the adjustment of claims for the member on claims that create a potential liability to the 11 12 association and may charge the cost of the adjustment to the 13 member.

14 (h) Provide any records necessary or requested by the director15 for the actuarial examination under subsection (21).

16 (i) Subject to subsection (23), obey an order of the director17 for a rebate under subsection (22).

18 (8) In addition to other powers granted to it by this section,19 the association may do all of the following:

(a) Sue and be sued in the name of the association. A judgment
against the association shall does not create any direct liability
against the individual members of the association. The association
may provide for the indemnification of its members, members of the
board of directors of the association, and officers, employees, and
other persons lawfully acting on behalf of the association.

(b) Reinsure all or any portion of its potential liability
with reinsurers licensed to transact insurance in this state or
approved by the commissioner.director.

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(c) Provide for appropriate housing, equipment, and personnel



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1 as may be necessary to assure the efficient operation of the 2 association.

3 (d) Pursuant to the plan of operation, adopt reasonable rules
4 for the administration of the association, enforce those rules, and
5 delegate authority, as the board considers necessary to assure the
6 proper administration and operation of the association consistent
7 with the plan of operation.

8 (e) Contract for goods and services, including independent
9 claims management, actuarial, investment, and legal services, from
10 others within in or without outside of this state to assure the
11 efficient operation of the association.

12 (f) Hear and determine complaints of a company or other13 interested party concerning the operation of the association.

14 (g) Perform other acts not specifically enumerated in this 15 section that are necessary or proper to accomplish the purposes of 16 the association and that are not inconsistent with this section or 17 the plan of operation.

18 (9) A board of directors is created , hereinafter referred to
19 as the board, which shall be responsible for the operation of and
20 shall operate the association consistent with the plan of operation
21 and this section.

22 (10) The plan of operation shall must provide for all of the 23 following:

24 (a) The establishment of necessary facilities.

25 (b) The management and operation of the association.

(c) Procedures to be utilized in charging premiums, including
adjustments from excess or deficient premiums from prior periods.
The plan must require that any deficiency from a prior period be
amortized over not fewer than 15 years.



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1 (d) Procedures for a rebate to members of the association, for 2 distribution to insureds as provided in subsection (24), as ordered 3 by the director under subsection (22). The procedures must provide 4 for a distribution of a rebate attributable to a historic vehicle 5 equal to 20% of the rebate for a car that is not a historic 6 vehicle.

7 (e) (d) Procedures governing the actual payment of premiums to
8 the association.

9 (f) (e) Reimbursement of each member of the board by the
10 association for actual and necessary expenses incurred on
11 association business.

12 (g) (f) The investment policy of the association.

13 (h) (g)—Any other matters required by or necessary to
14 effectively implement this section.

15 (11) Each The board shall must include members that would 16 contribute a total of not less than 40% of the total premium 17 calculated pursuant to under subsection (7) (d). Each director shall 18 be board member is entitled to 1 vote. The initial term of office 19 of a director shall be board member is 2 years.

20 (12) As part of the plan of operation, the board shall adopt rules providing for the composition and term of successor boards to 21 the initial board and the terms of board members, consistent with 22 23 the membership composition requirements in subsections (11) and 24 (13). Terms of the directors shall board members must be staggered 25 so that the terms of all the directors board members do not expire at the same time and so that a director board member does not serve 26 27 a term of more than 4 years.

28 (13) The board shall must consist of 5 directors, board
29 members and the commissioner director, who shall be serve as an ex



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1 officio member of the board without vote.

2 (14) Each director The director shall be appointed by the
3 commissioner and appoint the board members. A board member shall
4 serve until that member's his or her successor is selected and
5 qualified. The board shall elect the chairperson of the board.
6 shall be elected by the board. A The director shall fill any
7 vacancy on the board shall be filled by the commissioner consistent
8 with as provided in the plan of operation.

9 (15) After the board is appointed, the The board shall meet as
10 often as the chairperson, the commissioner, director, or the plan
11 of operation shall require, requires, or at the request of any 3
12 members of the board. board members. The chairperson shall retain
13 the right to may vote on all issues. Four members of the board
14 board members constitute a quorum.

15 (16) An The board shall furnish to each member of the
association an annual report of the operations of the association
in a form and detail as may be determined by the board. shall be
furnished to each member.

19 (17) Not more than 60 days after the initial organizational 20 meeting of the board, the board shall submit to the commissioner for approval a proposed plan of operation consistent with the 21 22 objectives and provisions of this section, which shall provide for the economical, fair, and nondiscriminatory administration of the 23 24 association and for the prompt and efficient provision of 25 indemnity. If a plan is not submitted within this 60-day period, 26 then the commissioner, after consultation with the board, shall 27 formulate and place into effect a plan consistent with this 28 section.

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(18) The plan of operation, unless approved sooner in writing,



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shall be considered to meet the requirements of this section if it 1 is not disapproved by written order of the commissioner within 30 2 davs after the date of its submission. Before disapproval of all or 3 any part of the proposed plan of operation, the commissioner shall 4 notify the board in what respect the plan of operation fails to 5 6 meet the requirements and objectives of this section. If the board 7 fails to submit a revised plan of operation that meets the 8 requirements and objectives of this section within the 30-day 9 period, the commissioner shall enter an order accordingly and shall 10 immediately formulate and place into effect a plan consistent with 11 the requirements and objectives of this section.

(17) (19) The proposed plan of operation or Any amendments to the plan of operation are subject to majority approval by the board, ratified ratification by a majority of the membership of the association having a vote, with voting rights being apportioned according to the premiums charged in subsection (7)(d), and are subject to approval by the commissioner.director.

(18) (20) Upon approval by the commissioner and ratification 18 by the members of the plan submitted, or upon the promulgation of a 19 20 plan by the commissioner, each An insurer authorized to write insurance providing the security required by section 3101(1) in 21 this state, as provided in this section, is bound by and shall 22 23 formally subscribe to and participate in the plan approved of 24 operation as a condition of maintaining its authority to transact 25 insurance in this state.

(19) (21) The association is subject to all the reporting,
loss reserve, and investment requirements of the commissioner
director to the same extent as would is a member of the
association.



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(20) (22) Premiums charged members by the association shall 1 2 must be recognized in the rate-making procedures for insurance 3 rates in the same manner that expenses and premium taxes are 4 recognized. If a member of the association passes on any portion of 5 the premium payable under this section to an insured, the amount 6 passed on must equal the portion of the premium payable by the 7 member under this section attributable to the car or historic 8 vehicle insured, including any adjustments for excesses or 9 deficiencies from a previous period.

10 (21) (23) The commissioner director or an authorized 11 representative of the commissioner director may visit the 12 association at any time and examine any and all of the association's affairs. Beginning July 1, 2019, and every third year 13 14 after 2019, the director shall engage 1 or more independent 15 actuaries to examine the affairs and records of the association for the previous 3 years. The actuarial examination must be conducted 16 17 using sound actuarial principles consistent with the applicable 18 statements of principles and the code of professional conduct 19 adopted by the Casualty Actuarial Society. By September 1, 2019 and 20 by September 1 of every third year after 2019, the director shall 21 provide a report to the legislature on the results of the audit 22 conducted under this subsection.

(22) If the actuarial examination under subsection (21) shows that the assets of the association exceed 120% of its liabilities, including incurred but not reported liabilities, and if the rebate will not threaten the association's ongoing ability to provide reimbursements for personal protection insurance benefits based on sound actuarial principles consistent with the applicable statements of principles and the code of professional conduct



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1 adopted by the Casualty Actuarial Society, the director shall order 2 the association to rebate an amount equal to the difference between 3 the total excess and 120% of the liabilities of the association, 4 including incurred but not reported liabilities, under subsection 5 (10) (d) and order the members of the association to distribute the 6 rebates under subsection (24).

7 (23) Within 30 days after receiving an order from the director 8 under subsection (22), the association may request a hearing to 9 review the order by filing a written request with the director. The 10 department shall conduct the review as a contested case under the 11 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 12 24.328.

13 (24) A member of the association shall distribute any rebate 14 it receives under subsection (10) (d) to the persons that it insures 15 under policies that provide the security required under section 3101(1) or 3103(1), or both, and that are subject to a premium 16 17 under this section on a uniform basis per car and historic vehicle 18 in a manner and on the date or dates provided by the director in 19 accordance with an order issued by the director. A rebate 20 attributable to a historic vehicle must be equal to 20% of the rebate for a car that is not a historic vehicle. 21

(25) By September 1 of each year, the association shall prepare, submit to the committees of the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over insurance matters, and post on the association website an annual consumer statement, written in a manner intended for the general public. The statement must include all of the following:

(a) The number of claims opened during the preceding 12months, the amount expended on the claims, and the future



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1 anticipated costs of the claims.

(b) For each of the preceding 10 years, the total number of
open claims, the amount expended on the claims, and the anticipated
future costs of the claims.

5 (c) For each of the preceding 10 years, the total number of 6 claims closed and the amount expended on the claims.

7 (d) For each of the preceding 10 years, the ratio of claims8 opened to claims closed.

9 (e) For each of the preceding 10 years, the average length of 10 open claims.

(f) A statement of the current financial condition of the
association and the reasons for any deficit or surplus in collected
assessments compared to losses.

14 (g) A statement of the assumptions, methodology, and data used 15 to make revenue projections. As used in this subdivision, "revenue" 16 means return on investments.

17 (h) A statement of the assumptions, methodology, and data used18 to make cost projections.

(i) A list of the association's assets, sorted by category or
type of asset, such as stocks, bonds, or mutual funds, and the
expected return on each asset.

(j) The total amount of the association's discounted and
undiscounted liabilities and a description and explanation of the
liabilities, including an explanation of the association's
definition of the terms discounted and undiscounted.

(k) Measures taken by the association to contain costs.
(l) A statement explaining what portion of the assessment to
insureds as recognized in rates under subsection (20) is
attributable to claims occurring in the previous 12 months,



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administrative costs, and the amount, if any, to adjust for past
 deficits.

3 (m) A statement explaining any qualifications identified by 4 the independent auditors in the most recent audit report prepared 5 under subsection (21).

6 (n) A loss payment summary for each of the preceding years by7 category.

8 (o) For each of the preceding 10 years, an injury type 9 summary, categorizing the injuries suffered by claimants the 10 payment of whose claims are being reimbursed by the association, by 11 brain injuries, injuries resulting in quadriplegia, injuries 12 resulting in paraplegia, burn injuries, and other injuries.

(p) A summary of investment returns over the preceding 10
years showing the investment balance, the investment gain, and the
percentage return on the investment balance.

16 (q) A summary of the mortality assumptions used in making cost 17 projections.

18 (r) A summary of any financial practices that differ from
19 those found in the National Association of Insurance Commissioners
20 Accounting Practices and Procedures Manual.

(26) By September 1 of each year, the association shall prepare and provide to the committees of the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over insurance matters an annual report of the association. The report must contain all of the following:

26 (a) An executive summary.

(b) A discussion of the mortality assumptions used by theassociation in making cost projections.

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(c) An evaluation of the accuracy of the association's



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1 actuarial assumptions over the preceding 5 years.

2 (d) The annual consumer statement prepared under subsection3 (25).

4 (e) Anything else the association determines is necessary to 5 advise the legislature about the operations of the association.

6 (27) (24)—The association does not have liability for losses 7 occurring before July 1, 1978. After the effective date of the 8 amendatory act that added section 3107c, the association does not 9 have liability for an ultimate loss under personal protection 10 insurance coverage for a motor vehicle accident policy to which a 11 limit under section 3107c(1)(a) to (c) is applicable.

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(28) (25) As used in this section:

13 (a) "Association" means the catastrophic claims association14 created in subsection (1).

(b) "Board" means the board of directors of the associationcreated in subsection (9).

17 (c) "Car" includes a motorcycle but does not include a18 historic vehicle.

19 (d) (a) "Consumer price index" Price Index" means the 20 percentage of change in the consumer price index Consumer Price 21 Index for all urban consumers in the United States city average for 22 all items for the 24 months prior to before October 1 of the year 23 prior to before the July 1 effective date of the biennial 24 adjustment under subsection $\frac{(2)(k)}{(2)(0)}$ as reported by the United 25 States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, Department 26 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and as certified by the 27 commissioner.director.

(e) "Historic vehicle" means a vehicle that is a registered
historic vehicle under section 803a or 803p of the Michigan vehicle



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1 code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.803a and 257.803p.

2 (f) (b)—"Motor vehicle accident policy" means a policy
3 providing the coverages required under section 3101(1).

4 (g) (c) "Ultimate loss" means the actual loss amounts that a
5 member is obligated to pay and that are paid or payable by the
6 member, and do not include claim expenses. An ultimate loss is
7 incurred by the association on the date that the loss occurs.

8 Sec. 3107. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), Subject
9 to the exceptions and limitations in this chapter, personal
10 protection insurance benefits are payable for the following:

(a) Allowable expenses consisting of all reasonable charges incurred for reasonably necessary products, services and accommodations for an injured person's care, recovery, or rehabilitation. Allowable expenses within personal protection insurance coverage shall do not include either of the following:

16 (i) Charges for a hospital room in excess of a reasonable and
17 customary charge for semiprivate accommodations, except if unless
18 the injured person requires special or intensive care.

19 (*ii*) Funeral and burial expenses in excess of the amount set
20 forth in the policy, which shall must not be less than \$1,750.00 or
21 more than \$5,000.00.

22 (b) Work loss consisting of loss of income from work an 23 injured person would have performed during the first 3 years after 24 the date of the accident if he or she had not been injured. Work 25 loss does not include any loss after the date on which the injured 26 person dies. Because the benefits received from personal protection insurance for loss of income are not taxable income, the benefits 27 28 payable for such the loss of income shall must be reduced 15% 29 unless the claimant presents to the insurer in support of his or



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her claim reasonable proof of a lower value of the income tax 1 advantage in his or her case, in which case the lower value shall 2 apply. must be applied. For the period beginning October 1, 2012 3 through September 30, 2013, the benefits payable for work loss 4 5 sustained in a single 30-day period and the income earned by an 6 injured person for work during the same period together shall must 7 not exceed \$5,189.00, which maximum shall apply must be applied pro rata to any lesser period of work loss. Beginning October 1, 2013, 8 9 the maximum shall must be adjusted annually to reflect changes in 10 the cost of living under rules prescribed by the commissioner 11 director, but any change in the maximum shall apply must be applied only to benefits arising out of accidents occurring subsequent to 12 13 after the date of change in the maximum.

(c) Expenses not exceeding \$20.00 per day, reasonably incurred in obtaining ordinary and necessary services in lieu of those that, if he or she had not been injured, an injured person would have performed during the first 3 years after the date of the accident, not for income but for the benefit of himself or herself or of his or her dependent.

20 (2) Both of the following apply to personal protection21 insurance benefits payable under subsection (1):

(a) A person who is 60 years of age or older and in the event 22 23 of an accidental bodily injury would not be eligible to receive 24 work loss benefits under subsection (1) (b) may waive coverage for 25 work loss benefits by signing a waiver on a form provided by the insurer. An insurer shall offer a reduced premium rate to a person 26 27 who waives coverage under this subsection subdivision for work loss benefits. Waiver of coverage for work loss benefits applies only to 28 29 work loss benefits payable to the person or persons who have signed



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1 the waiver form.

2 (b) An insurer shall is not be required to provide coverage
3 for the medical use of marihuana or for expenses related to the
4 medical use of marihuana.

5 Sec. 3107c. (1) Except as provided in section 3107d, and 6 subject to subsection (5), for an insurance policy that provides 7 the security required under section 3101(1) and is issued or 8 renewed after 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory 9 act that added this section, the person named or to be named in the 10 policy shall, in a way required under section 3107e and on a form 11 approved by the director, select 1 of the following coverage levels 12 for personal protection insurance benefits under section 13 3107(1)(a):

14 (a) A limit per person per loss occurrence, consisting of both15 of the following:

16 (i) A \$50,000.00 limit for any personal protection insurance
17 benefits under section 3107(1)(a).

(*ii*) An additional \$200,000.00 for medically necessary
treatment rendered at an acute care unit or trauma center of a
hospital immediately after the accidental bodily injury and until
the patient is stable.

(b) A limit of \$250,000.00 per individual per loss occurrence
for any personal protection insurance benefits under section
3107(1)(a).

(c) A limit of \$500,000.00 per individual per loss occurrence
for any personal protection insurance benefits under section
3107(1)(a).

28 (d) No limit for personal protection insurance benefits under29 section 3107(1)(a).



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1 (2) The form required under subsection (1) must do all of the 2 following:

3 (a) State, in a conspicuous manner, the benefits and risks4 associated with each coverage option.

5 (b) Provide a way for the person to mark the form to 6 acknowledge that he or she has read the form and understands the 7 options available.

8 (c) Allow the insured person to mark the form to make the 9 selection of coverage level under subsection (1).

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(d) Require the person to sign the form.

(3) If an insurance policy is issued or renewed as described in subsection (1) and the person named in the policy has not made an effective selection under subsection (1) but a premium or portion of a premium has been paid, there is a rebuttable presumption that the amount of the premium accurately reflects the level of coverage applicable to the policy under subsection (1).

17 (4) If an insurance policy is issued or renewed as described 18 in subsection (1), the person named in the policy has not made an 19 effective selection under subsection (1), and a presumption under 20 subsection (3) does not apply, the limit under subsection (1) (a) 21 applies to the policy.

(5) The coverage level selected under subsection (1) applies to the person named in the policy, the person's spouse, and a relative of either domiciled in the same household, and any other person with a right to claim personal protection insurance benefits under the policy.

(6) If benefits are payable under section 3107(1)(a) under 2
or more insurance policies, the benefits are only payable up to an
aggregate coverage limit for both or all of the policies that



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equals the highest available coverage limit under any 1 of the
 policies.

(7) An insurer shall offer, for a policy that provides the 3 security required under section 3101(1) to which a limit under 4 5 subsection (1)(a) to (c) applies, a rider that will provide 6 coverage for attendant care in excess of the applicable limit. 7 Sec. 3107d. (1) For an insurance policy that provides the 8 security required under section 3101(1) and is issued or renewed 9 after 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory act that 10 added this section, the person named or to be named in the policy 11 who is a qualified person may, in a way required under section 3107e and on a form approved by the director, elect to not maintain 12 13 coverage for personal protection insurance benefits payable under 14 section 3107(1)(a). The person named in the policy shall, when 15 requesting issuance or renewal of the policy, provide to the insurer a document from the person that provides the qualified 16 17 health coverage stating that the person named in the policy has 18 qualified health coverage.

19 (2) The form required under subsection (1) must do all of the20 following:

(a) Require the person named or to be named in the policy to
mark the form to certify whether he or she is a qualified person.
(b) Disclose in a conspicuous manner that a qualified person
is not obligated to but may purchase coverage for personal
protection insurance coverage benefits payable under section
3107(1)(a).

27 (c) State, in a conspicuous manner, the coverage levels28 available under section 3107c.

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(d) State, in a conspicuous manner, the benefits and risks



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1 associated with not maintaining the coverage.

(e) State, in a conspicuous manner, that if during the term of
the policy the person ceases to have qualified health insurance,
the person has 14 days to notify the insurer or the person will be
excluded from all personal protection insurance coverage benefits
under section 3107(1)(a).

7 (f) Provide a way for the person named or to be named in the 8 policy to mark the form to acknowledge that he or she has read the 9 form and understands it and that he or she understands the options 10 available to him or her.

(g) If the person named or to be named in the policy is a qualified person, provide the person a way to mark the form to elect not to maintain the coverage.

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(h) Require the person to sign the form.

(3) If an insurance policy is issued or renewed as described in subsection (1) and the person named in the policy has not made an effective election under subsection (1) but a premium or portion of a premium has been paid, there is a rebuttable presumption that the amount of the premium accurately reflects whether the person elected to maintain coverage for personal protection benefits under section 3107(1)(a).

(4) If an insurance policy is issued or renewed as described in subsection (1), the person named in the policy has not made an effective election under subsection (1), and a presumption under subsection (3) does not apply, the policy is considered to provide personal protection benefits under section 3107(1)(a).

(5) An election under this section applies to the person named
in the policy, the person's spouse, a relative of either domiciled
in the same household, and any other person who would have had a



right to claim personal protection insurance benefits under the
 policy but for the election.

3 (6) If a person named in an insurance policy under which 4 coverage for personal protection insurance benefits payable under 5 section 3107(1)(a) are not maintained under this section ceases, 6 during the term of the policy, to be covered under qualified health 7 coverage, the person shall, within 14 days, notify the insurer that 8 the person is no longer a qualified person. All of the following 9 apply under this subsection:

(a) During the 14-day period, if a person to whom the election
under this section applies as described in subsection (5) suffers
accidental bodily injury arising from a motor vehicle accident, the
person is entitled to claim benefits under the assigned claims
plan.

(b) If the person named in the insurance policy notifies the insurer within the 14-day period, the person shall obtain insurance that provides the security required under section 3101(1) that includes the coverage that was not maintained under this section.

19 (c) If the person named in the insurance policy does not 20 notify the insurer within the 14-day period and a person to whom 21 the election under this section applies as described in subsection 22 (5) suffers accidental bodily injury arising from a motor vehicle 23 accident, unless the injured person is entitled to coverage under 24 some other policy, the injured person is not entitled to be paid 25 personal protection insurance benefits under section 3107(1)(a) for 26 the injury.

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- (7) As used in this section:
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- (a) "Qualified health coverage" means either of the following: (i) Other health or accident coverage that does not exclude or



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1 limit coverage for injuries related to motor vehicle accidents.

2 (*ii*) Coverage under the federal Medicare program established
3 under subchapter XVIII of the social security act, 42 USC 1395 to
4 1395*lll*.

5 (*iii*) Medicaid coverage under a program for medical assistance
6 established under subchapter XIX of the social security act, 42 USC
7 1396 to 1396w-5.

8 (b) "Qualified person" means a person who has qualified health9 coverage.

Sec. 3107e. (1) A form under section 3107c or 3107d must be delivered to the person insured or to be insured under the policy using 1 of the following methods:

13 (a) Personal delivery.

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4 (b) First-class mail, postage prepaid.

15 (c) Electronic means in accordance with section 2266.

16 (2) A person must make a selection under section 3107c or an
17 election under section 3107d in 1 of the following ways:

18 (a) Marking and signing a paper form.

(b) Giving verbal instructions, in person or telephonically,that the form be marked and signed in behalf of the person.

(c) Electronically marking the form and providing an
electronic signature as provided in the uniform electronic
transactions act, 2000 PA 305, MCL 450.831 to 450.849.

Sec. 3111. Personal protection insurance benefits are payable for accidental bodily injury suffered in an accident occurring out of this state, if the accident occurs within the United States, its territories and possessions, or in-Canada, and the person whose injury is the basis of the claim was at the time of the accident a named insured under a personal protection insurance policy, his-the



spouse of a named insured, a relative of either domiciled in the same household, or an occupant of a vehicle involved in the accident, whose if the occupant was a resident of this state or if the owner or registrant of the vehicle was insured under a personal protection insurance policy or has provided security approved by the secretary of state under subsection (4) of section 3101.3101(4).

8 Sec. 3112. Personal protection insurance benefits are payable 9 to or for the benefit of an injured person or, in case of his or 10 her death, to or for the benefit of his or her dependents. A health 11 care provider listed in section 3157 may make a claim and assert a 12 direct cause of action against an insurer, or under the assigned 13 claims plan under sections 3171 to 3175, to recover overdue 14 benefits payable for charges for products, services, or 15 accommodations provided to an injured person. Payment by an insurer 16 in good faith of personal protection insurance benefits, to or for the benefit of a person who it believes is entitled to the 17 18 benefits, discharges the insurer's liability to the extent of the 19 payments unless the insurer has been notified in writing of the 20 claim of some other person. If there is doubt about the proper 21 person to receive the benefits or the proper apportionment among 22 the persons entitled thereto, to the benefits, the insurer, the 23 claimant, or any other interested person may apply to the circuit court for an appropriate order. The court may designate the payees 24 25 and make an equitable apportionment, taking into account the 26 relationship of the payees to the injured person and other factors 27 as the court considers appropriate. In the absence of a court order 28 directing otherwise the insurer may pay:

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(a) To the dependents of the injured person, the personal



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protection insurance benefits accrued before his or her death
 without appointment of an administrator or executor.

3 (b) To the surviving spouse, the personal protection insurance4 benefits due any dependent children living with the spouse.

Sec. 3113. A person is not entitled to be paid personal
protection insurance benefits for accidental bodily injury if at
the time of the accident any of the following circumstances
existed:

9 (a) The person was willingly operating or willingly using a
10 motor vehicle or motorcycle that was taken unlawfully, and the
11 person knew or should have known that the motor vehicle or
12 motorcycle was taken unlawfully.

(b) The person was the owner or registrant of a motor vehicle
or motorcycle involved in the accident with respect to which the
security required by section 3101 or 3103 was not in effect.

16 (c) The person was not a resident of this state. , was an 17 occupant of a motor vehicle or motorcycle not registered in this 18 state, and the motor vehicle or motorcycle was not insured by an 19 insurer that has filed a certification in compliance with section 20 3163.

(d) The person was operating a motor vehicle or motorcycle as
to which he or she was named as an excluded operator as allowed
under section 3009(2).

(e) The person was the owner or operator of a motor vehicle
for which coverage was excluded under a policy exclusion authorized
under section 3017.

27 Sec. 3114. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2), (3), and
28 (5), a personal protection insurance policy described in section
29 3101(1) applies to accidental bodily injury to the person named in



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the policy, the person's spouse, and a relative of either domiciled 1 in the same household, if the injury arises from a motor vehicle 2 accident. A personal injury insurance policy described in section 3 3103(2) applies to accidental bodily injury to the person named in 4 5 the policy, the person's spouse, and a relative of either domiciled 6 in the same household, if the injury arises from a motorcycle 7 accident. If personal protection insurance benefits or personal 8 injury benefits described in section 3103(2) are payable to or for 9 the benefit of an injured person under his or her own policy and 10 would also be payable under the policy of his or her spouse, 11 relative, or relative's spouse, the injured person's insurer shall pay all of the benefits and is not entitled to recoupment from the 12 other insurer. 13

14 (2) A person suffering who suffers accidental bodily injury 15 while an operator or a passenger of a motor vehicle operated in the 16 business of transporting passengers shall receive the personal protection insurance benefits to which the person is entitled from 17 the insurer of the motor vehicle. This subsection does not apply to 18 a passenger in any of the following, unless the passenger is not 19 20 entitled to personal protection insurance benefits under any other 21 policy:

22 (a) A school bus, as defined by the department of education,23 providing transportation not prohibited by law.

(b) A bus operated by a common carrier of passengers certifiedby the department of transportation.

26 (c) A bus operating under a government sponsored27 transportation program.

28 (d) A bus operated by or providing service to a nonprofit29 organization.



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(e) A taxicab insured as prescribed in section 3101 or 3102.

2 (f) A bus operated by a canoe or other watercraft, bicycle, or
3 horse livery used only to transport passengers to or from a
4 destination point.

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(g) A transportation network company vehicle.

6 (h) A motor vehicle insured under a policy for which the 7 person named in the policy has elected to not maintain coverage for 8 personal protection insurance benefits under section 3107d.

9 (3) An employee, his or her spouse, or a relative of either 10 domiciled in the same household, who suffers accidental bodily 11 injury while an occupant of a motor vehicle owned or registered by the employer, shall receive personal protection insurance benefits 12 to which the employee is entitled from the insurer of the furnished 13 14 vehicle. This subsection does not apply to a motor vehicle insured 15 under a policy for which the person named in the policy has elected 16 to not maintain coverage for personal protection insurance benefits 17 under section 3107d.

18 (4) Except as provided in subsections (1) to (2) and (3), a 19 person suffering who suffers accidental bodily injury arising from 20 a motor vehicle accident while an occupant of a motor vehicle who 21 is not covered under a personal protection insurance policy as 22 provided in subsection (1) shall claim personal protection 23 insurance benefits from insurers in the following order of 24 priority:

25 (a) The insurer of the owner or registrant of the vehicle
26 occupied.

27 (b) The insurer of the operator of the vehicle occupied.under
28 the assigned claims plan under sections 3171 to 3175.

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(5) A-Subject to subsections (6) and (7), a person suffering



1 who suffers accidental bodily injury arising from a motor vehicle 2 accident that shows evidence of the involvement of a motor vehicle 3 while an operator or passenger of a motorcycle shall claim personal 4 protection insurance benefits from insurers in the following order 5 of priority:

6 (a) The insurer of the owner or registrant of the motor7 vehicle involved in the accident.

8 (b) The insurer of the operator of the motor vehicle involved9 in the accident.

10 (c) The motor vehicle insurer of the operator of the 11 motorcycle involved in the accident.

12 (d) The motor vehicle insurer of the owner or registrant of13 the motorcycle involved in the accident.

14 (6) If an applicable insurance policy in an order of priority 15 under subsection (5) is a policy for which the person named in the policy has elected to not maintain coverage for personal protection 16 insurance benefits under section 3107d, the injured person shall 17 18 claim benefits only under other policies, subject to subsection 19 (7), in the same order of priority for which no such election has 20 been made. If there are no other policies for which no such 21 election has been made, the injured person shall claim benefits 22 under the next order of priority or, if there is not a next order 23 of priority, under the assigned claims plan under sections 3171 to 24 3175.

(7) If personal protection insurance benefits are payable under subsection (5) under 2 or more insurance policies in the same order of priority, the benefits are only payable up to an aggregate coverage limit for both or all of the policies that equals the highest available coverage limit under any 1 of the policies.



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(8) (6) If Subject to subsections (6) and (7), if 2 or more 1 2 insurers are in the same order of priority to provide personal protection insurance benefits under subsection (5), an insurer 3 paying that pays benefits due is entitled to partial recoupment 4 5 from the other insurers in the same order of priority, and a 6 reasonable amount of partial recoupment of the expense of 7 processing the claim, in order to accomplish equitable distribution 8 of the loss among all of the insurers.

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(9) (7) As used in this section:

(a) "Personal vehicle", "prearranged ride", and
"transportation network company digital network", and
"transportation network company prearranged ride" mean those terms
as defined in section 2 of the limousine, taxicab, and
transportation network company act, 2016 PA 345, MCL 257.2102.

(b) "Transportation network company vehicle" means a personal vehicle while the driver is logged on to the transportation network company digital network or while the driver is engaged in a transportation network company prearranged ride.

Sec. 3115. (1) Except as provided in subsection (1) of section 3114, 3114(1), a person suffering who suffers accidental bodily injury while not an occupant of a motor vehicle shall claim personal protection insurance benefits from insurers in the

23 following order of priority:

24 (a) Insurers of owners or registrants of motor vehicles
 25 involved in the accident.

26 (b) Insurers of operators of motor vehicles involved in the
 27 accident.under the assigned claims plan under sections 3171 to
 28 3175.

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(2) When 2 or more insurers are in the same order of priority



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to provide personal protection insurance benefits an insurer paving 1 benefits due is entitled to partial recoupment from the other 2 insurers in the same order of priority, together with a reasonable 3 amount of partial recoupment of the expense of processing the 4 5 claim, in order to accomplish equitable distribution of the loss 6 among such insurers. 7 (3) A limit upon the amount of personal protection insurance 8 benefits available because of accidental bodily injury to 1 person

9 arising from 1 motor vehicle accident shall be determined without 10 regard to the number of policies applicable to the accident.

Sec. 3135. (1) A person remains subject to tort liability for noneconomic loss caused by his or her ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle only if the injured person has suffered death, serious impairment of body function, or permanent serious disfigurement.

16 (2) For a cause of action for damages pursuant to under 17 subsection (1) filed on or after July 26, 1996, or (3)(d), all of 18 the following apply:

19 (a) The issues of whether the injured person has suffered
20 serious impairment of body function or permanent serious
21 disfigurement are questions of law for the court if the court finds
22 either of the following:

23 (i) There is no factual dispute concerning the nature and24 extent of the person's injuries.

(ii) There is a factual dispute concerning the nature and extent of the person's injuries, but the dispute is not material to the determination whether the person has suffered a serious impairment of body function or permanent serious disfigurement. However, for a closed-head injury, a question of fact for the jury



is created if a licensed allopathic or osteopathic physician who
 regularly diagnoses or treats closed-head injuries testifies under
 oath that there may be a serious neurological injury.

4 (b) Damages shall must be assessed on the basis of comparative
5 fault, except that damages shall must not be assessed in favor of a
6 party who is more than 50% at fault.

7 (c) Damages shall must not be assessed in favor of a party who
8 was operating his or her own vehicle at the time the injury
9 occurred and did not have in effect for that motor vehicle the
10 security required by section 3101 at the time the injury occurred.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, tort liability arising from the ownership, maintenance, or use within this state of a motor vehicle with respect to which the security required by section 3101 was in effect is abolished except as to:

(a) Intentionally caused harm to persons or property. Even though a person knows that harm to persons or property is substantially certain to be caused by his or her act or omission, the person does not cause or suffer that harm intentionally if he or she acts or refrains from acting for the purpose of averting injury to any person, including himself or herself, or for the purpose of averting damage to tangible property.

(b) Damages for noneconomic loss as provided and limited insubsections (1) and (2).

(c) Damages for allowable expenses, work loss, and survivor's
loss as defined in sections 3107 to 3110 in excess of any
applicable limit under section 3107c or the daily, monthly, and 3year limitations contained in those sections, or without limit for
allowable expenses if an election to not maintain that coverage was
made under section 3107d. The party liable for damages is entitled



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to an exemption reducing his or her liability by the amount of
 taxes that would have been payable on account of income the injured
 person would have received if he or she had not been injured.

4 (d) Damages for economic loss by a nonresident. in excess of 5 the personal protection insurance benefits provided under section 6 3163(4). Damages under this subdivision are not recoverable to the 7 extent that benefits covering the same loss are available from 8 other sources, regardless of the nature or number of benefit 9 sources available and regardless of the nature or form of the 10 benefits.However, to recover under this subdivision, the 11 nonresident must have suffered death, serious impairment of body 12 function, or permanent serious disfigurement.

(e) Damages up to \$1,000.00 to a motor vehicle, to the extent
that the damages are not covered by insurance. An action for
damages under this subdivision shall must be conducted as provided
in subsection (4).

17 (4) All of the following apply to an action for damages under18 subsection (3)(e):

19 (a) Damages shall must be assessed on the basis of comparative
20 fault, except that damages shall must not be assessed in favor of a
21 party who is more than 50% at fault.

(b) Liability is not a component of residual liability, as
prescribed in section 3131, for which maintenance of security is
required by this act.

(c) The action shall must be commenced, whenever legally possible, in the small claims division of the district court or the municipal court. If the defendant or plaintiff removes the action to a higher court and does not prevail, the judge may assess costs. (d) A decision of the court is not res judicata in any



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1 proceeding to determine any other liability arising from the same 2 circumstances that gave rise to the action.

3 (e) Damages shall must not be assessed if the damaged motor
4 vehicle was being operated at the time of the damage without the
5 security required by section 3101.

6 (5) As used in this section, "serious impairment of body
7 function" means an objectively manifested impairment of an
8 important body function that affects the person's general ability
9 to lead his or her normal life.

10 Sec. 3142. (1) Personal protection insurance benefits are 11 payable as loss accrues.

(2) Personal Subject to subsection (3), personal protection 12 insurance benefits are overdue if not paid within 30 days after an 13 14 insurer receives reasonable proof of the fact and of the amount of 15 loss sustained. If Subject to subsection (3), if reasonable proof 16 is not supplied as to the entire claim, the amount supported by reasonable proof is overdue if not paid within 30 days after the 17 18 proof is received by the insurer. Any Subject to subsection (3), **any** part of the remainder of the claim that is later supported by 19 20 reasonable proof is overdue if not paid within 30 days after the proof is received by the insurer. For the purpose of calculating 21 the extent to which benefits are overdue, payment shall must be 22 treated as made on the date a draft or other valid instrument was 23 24 placed in the United States mail in a properly addressed, postpaid 25 envelope, or, if not so posted, on the date of delivery.

(3) For personal protection insurance benefits under section
3107(1)(a), payment for a product, service, or accommodations is
not overdue if a bill for the product, service, or accommodations
is not provided to the insurer within 90 days after the product,



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service, or accommodations is provided.

2 (4) (3) An overdue payment bears simple interest at the rate
3 of 12% per annum.

Sec. 3145. (1) An action for recovery of personal protection 4 5 insurance benefits payable under this chapter for accidental bodily 6 injury may not be commenced later than 1 year after the date of the 7 accident causing the injury unless written notice of injury as 8 provided herein has been given to the insurer within 1 year after 9 the accident or unless the insurer has previously made a payment of 10 personal protection insurance benefits for the injury. If Subject 11 to subsection (2), if the notice has been given or a payment has been made, the action may be commenced at any time within 1 year 12 13 after the most recent allowable expense, work loss, or survivor's 14 loss has been incurred. However, the claimant may not recover 15 benefits for any portion of the loss incurred more than 1 year before the date on which the action was commenced. The notice of 16 17 injury required by this subsection may be given to the insurer or 18 any of its authorized agents by a person claiming to be entitled to 19 benefits therefor, because of the injury, or by someone in his the 20 person's behalf. The notice shall must give the name and address of 21 the claimant and indicate in ordinary language the name of the 22 person injured and the time, place, and nature of his the person's 23 injury.

(2) The limitation under subsection (1) on recovery of
benefits incurred more than 1 year before an action is commenced is
tolled from the date the person claiming the benefits makes a
specific claim for the benefits until the date the insurer formally
denies the claim. This subsection does not apply if the person
claiming the benefits fails to pursue the claim with reasonable



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1 diligence.

2 (3) (2) An action for recovery of property protection
3 insurance benefits shall may not be commenced later than 1 year
4 after the accident.

5 Sec. 3148. (1) An-Subject to subsections (3), (6), and (7), an 6 attorney is entitled to may be awarded a reasonable fee for 7 advising and representing a claimant in an action for personal or 8 property protection insurance benefits which that are overdue. The 9 attorney's fee shall be is a charge against the insurer in addition 10 to the benefits recovered, if the court finds that the insurer 11 unreasonably refused to pay the claim or unreasonably delayed in making proper payment. An attorney advising or representing an 12 13 injured person concerning a claim for payment of personal 14 protection insurance benefits from an insurer shall not claim, 15 file, or serve a lien for payment of a fee or fees until all of the 16 following apply:

17 18 (a) A payment for the claim is authorized under this chapter.

(b) A payment for the claim is overdue under this chapter.

(c) The attorney notifies the resident agent of the insurer in
writing that the payment for the claim is overdue under this
chapter.

(d) Within 30 days after the insurer receives the notice under
subdivision (c), the insurer does not either provide reasonable
proof that the insurer is not responsible for the payment or take
remedial action.

(2) If an attorney claims, files, serves, or enforces a lien
in a manner prohibited by subsection (1), an insurer or other
person aggrieved by the lien is entitled to court costs and
reasonable attorney fees related to opposition of the imposition of



1 the lien.

2 (3) If an action involves a number of claims, the court shall
3 reduce an attorney's fee under subsection (1) in the proportion
4 that the number of claims that were not determined to have been
5 unreasonably refused or delayed bears to the total number of claims
6 presented in the action.

7 (4) (2) An A court may award an insurer may be allowed by a
8 court an award of a reasonable sum amount against a claimant as an
9 attorney's attorney fee for the insurer's attorney in defense
10 defending against a any of the following:

11 (a) A claim that was in some respect fraudulent or so12 excessive as to have no reasonable foundation.

13 (b) A claim for benefits for a treatment, product, service,
14 rehabilitative occupational training, or accommodation that was not
15 medically necessary or that was for an excessive amount.

16 (c) A claim for which the client was solicited by the attorney 17 in violation of the law of this state or the Michigan rules of 18 professional conduct.

19 (5) To the extent that personal or property protection 20 insurance benefits are then due or thereafter come due to the claimant because of loss resulting from the injury on which the 21 22 claim is based, such a an attorney fee awarded in favor of the 23 insurer may be treated taken as an offset against such the 24 benefits. ; also, judgment Judgment may also be entered against the 25 claimant for any amount of a an attorney fee awarded against him and that is not offset in this way against benefits or otherwise 26 27 paid.

28 (6) For a dispute over payment for allowable expenses under
29 section 3107(1)(a) for attendant care or nursing services, attorney



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1 fees may be awarded in relation to expenses recovered for the 12 2 months preceding the date the insurer is notified of the dispute. 3 Attorney fees must not be awarded in relation to expenses paid 4 after the date the insurer is notified of the dispute, including 5 any future payments ordered after the judgment is entered.

6 (7) A court shall not award a fee to an attorney for advising 7 or representing a claimant in an action for personal or property 8 protection insurance benefits for a treatment, product, service, 9 rehabilitative occupational training, or accommodation provided to 10 the claimant if the attorney or a related person of the attorney 11 has, or had at the time the treatment, product, service, 12 rehabilitative occupational training, or accommodation was 13 provided, a direct or indirect financial interest in the person 14 that provided the treatment, product, service, rehabilitative 15 occupational training, or accommodation. For purposes of this subsection, a direct or indirect financial interest exists if the 16 person that provided the treatment, product, service, 17 18 rehabilitative occupational training, or accommodation makes a 19 direct or indirect payment or grants a financial incentive to the 20 attorney or a related person of the attorney relating to the 21 treatment, product, service, rehabilitative occupational training, 22 or accommodation within 24 months before or after the treatment, 23 product, service, rehabilitative occupational training, or 24 accommodation is provided.

Sec. 3157. (1) A-Subject to subsections (2) and (3), a person, including, but not limited to, a physician, hospital, clinic, or other person or institution, that lawfully rendering renders treatment, products, services, or accommodations to an injured person for an accidental bodily injury covered by personal



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1 protection insurance, and a person or institution providing or that 2 provides rehabilitative occupational training to the injured person 3 following the injury, may charge a reasonable amount for the treatment, training, products, services, and accommodations. 4 5 rendered. The charge shall must not exceed the amount the person or 6 institution customarily charges for like treatment, training, 7 products, services, and accommodations in cases not involving that 8 do not involve personal protection insurance.

9 (2) Subject to subsections (3), (6), and (7), a person that 10 renders a treatment, training, product, service, or accommodation 11 to an injured person for an accidental bodily injury is not 12 eligible for payment or reimbursement under this chapter of more 13 than the amount payable for the treatment, training, product, 14 service, or accommodation under R 418.10101 to R 418.101503 of the 15 Michigan Administrative Code or schedules of maximum fees for worker's compensation developed under those rules, in effect on the 16 17 effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection. 18 The director shall review any changes to R 418.10101 to R 19 418.101503 of the Michigan Administrative Code or schedules of 20 maximum fees for worker's compensation developed under those rules. 21 If the director determines that the changes are reasonable and 22 appropriate for purposes of assuring affordable automobile 23 insurance in this state, the changes apply for purposes of this 24 subsection and the director shall issue an order to that effect.

(3) For attendant care rendered in the injured person's home, an insurer is only required to pay benefits for attendant care up to the hourly limitation in section 315 of the worker's disability compensation act of 1969, 1969 PA 317, MCL 418.315. This subsection only applies if the attendant care is provided directly, or



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indirectly through another person, by any of the following: 1

(a) An individual who is related to the injured person.

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3 (b) An individual who is domiciled in the household of the 4 injured person.

5 (c) An individual with whom the injured person had a business 6 or social relationship before the injury.

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(4) An insurer may contract to pay benefits for attendant care 8 for more than the hourly limitation under subsection (3).

(5) If R 418.10101 to R 418.101503 of the Michigan 9 10 Administrative Code or schedules of maximum fees for worker's 11 compensation developed under those rules, in effect on the 12 effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection, 13 including any changes applicable under subsection (2), do not 14 provide an amount payable for treatment, training, product, 15 service, or accommodation rendered to an injured person for accidental bodily injury covered by personal protection insurance 16 17 or rehabilitative occupational training to the injured person 18 following the injury, the person that renders the treatment, 19 product, service, or accommodation is not eligible for payment or 20 reimbursement under this chapter of more than the average amount 21 accepted by the person as payment or reimbursement in full for the 22 treatment, training, product, service, or accommodation during the 23 preceding calendar year in cases that do not involve personal 24 protection insurance.

25 (6) A neurological rehabilitation clinic is not entitled to 26 payment or reimbursement for a treatment, training, product, 27 service, or accommodation unless the neurological rehabilitation 28 clinic is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of 29 Rehabilitation Facilities or a similar organization recognized by



the director for purposes of accreditation under this subsection.
This subsection does not apply to a neurological rehabilitation
clinic that is in the process of becoming accredited as required
under this subsection on the effective date of the amendatory act
that added this subsection, unless 3 years have passed since the
beginning of that process and the neurological rehabilitation
clinic is still not accredited.

8 (7) Subsections (2) to (6) do not apply to emergency medical
9 services rendered by an ambulance operation. As used in this
10 subsection:

(a) "Ambulance operation" means that term as defined in
section 20902 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL
333.20902.

(b) "Emergency medical services" means that term as defined in
section 20904 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL
333.20904.

(8) Subsections (2) to (7) apply to a treatment, training, product, service, or accommodation rendered after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection, regardless of when the accidental bodily injury occurred. Subsections (2) to (7) apply regardless of whether indemnification for the charge is being made by the catastrophic claims association under section 3104.

(9) As used in this section, "neurological rehabilitation
clinic" means a person that provides post-acute brain and spinal
rehabilitation care.

Sec. 3157a. (1) By rendering any treatment, products,
services, or accommodations to 1 or more injured persons for an
accidental bodily injury covered by personal protection insurance

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under this chapter after the effective date of the amendatory act
 that added this section, a physician, hospital, clinic, or other
 person is considered to have agreed to do both of the following:

4 (a) Submit necessary records and other information concerning
5 treatment, products, services, or accommodations provided for
6 utilization review under this section.

7 (b) Comply with any decision of the department under this8 section.

9 (2) A physician, hospital, clinic, or other person or 10 institution that knowingly submits false or misleading records or 11 other information to an insurer, the association created under 12 section 3104, or the department under this section is guilty of a 13 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or 14 a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

15 (3) The department shall promulgate rules under the
16 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to
17 24.328, to do both of the following:

(a) Establish criteria or standards for utilization review
that identify utilization of treatment, products, services, or
accommodations under this chapter above the usual range of
utilization for the treatment, products, services, or
accommodations based on medically accepted standards.

(b) Provide procedures related to utilization review,including procedures for all of the following:

(i) Acquiring necessary records, medical bills, and other
information concerning the treatment, products, services, or
accommodations provided.

(*ii*) Allowing an insurer to request an explanation for and
requiring a physician, hospital, clinic, or other person to explain



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the necessity or indication for treatment, products, services, or
 accommodations provided.

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(iii) Appealing determinations.

4 (4) If a physician, hospital, clinic, or other person provides treatment, products, services, or accommodations under this chapter 5 6 that are not usually associated with, are longer in duration than, 7 are more frequent than, or extend over a greater number of days 8 than the treatment, products, services, or accommodations usually 9 require for the diagnosis or condition for which the patient is 10 being treated, the insurer or the association created under section 11 3104 may require the physician, hospital, clinic, or other person 12 to explain the necessity or indication for the treatment, products, 13 services, or accommodations in writing under the procedures 14 provided under subsection (3).

15 (5) If an insurer or the association created under section 16 3104 determines that a physician, hospital, clinic, or other person 17 improperly overutilized or otherwise rendered or ordered 18 inappropriate treatment, products, services, or accommodations, or 19 that the cost of the treatment, products, services, or 20 accommodations was inappropriate under this chapter, the physician, 21 hospital, clinic, or other person may appeal the determination to 22 the department under the procedures provided under subsection (3).

(6) If the department determines that an insurer complies with
the criteria or standards for utilization review established under
subsection (3), the department shall certify the insurer.

(7) As used in this section, "utilization review" means the
initial evaluation by an insurer or the association created under
section 3104 of the appropriateness in terms of both the level and
the quality of treatment, products, services, or accommodations



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provided under this chapter based on medically accepted standards.

2 Sec. 3157b. Any proprietary information or sensitive personally identifiable information regarding a patient that is 3 submitted to the department under section 3157a is exempt from 4 5 disclosure under section 13(e) of the freedom of information act, 6 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.243, and the department shall exempt any such 7 information from disclosure under any other applicable exemptions 8 under section 13 of the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, 9 MCL 15.243.

10 Sec. 3163. (1) An insurer authorized to transact automobile 11 liability insurance and personal and property protection insurance in this state shall file and maintain a written certification that 12 any is not required to provide personal protection insurance or 13 14 property protection insurance benefits under this chapter for 15 accidental bodily injury or property damage occurring in this state arising from the ownership, operation, maintenance, or use of a 16 motor vehicle as a motor vehicle by an out-of-state resident who is 17 18 insured under its the insurer's automobile liability insurance policies. , is subject to the personal and property protection 19 20 insurance system under this act. (2) A nonadmitted insurer may voluntarily file the 21 22 certification described in subsection (1). 23 (3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4), if a certification filed under subsection (1) or (2) applies to 24 25 accidental bodily injury or property damage, the insurer and its insureds with respect to that injury or damage have the rights and 26 27 immunities under this act for personal and property protection 28 insureds, and claimants have the rights and benefits of personal 29 and property protection insurance claimants, including the right to



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receive benefits from the electing insurer as if it were an insurer
 of personal and property protection insurance applicable to the
 accidental bodily injury or property damage.

(4) If an insurer of an out-of-state resident is required to 4 provide benefits under subsections (1) to (3) to that out-of-state 5 6 resident for accidental bodily injury for an accident in which the 7 out-of-state resident was not an occupant of a motor vehicle registered in this state, the insurer is only liable for the amount 8 9 of ultimate loss sustained up to \$500,000.00. Benefits under this 10 subsection are not recoverable to the extent that benefits covering 11 the same loss are available from other sources, regardless of the 12 nature or number of benefit sources available and regardless of the 13 nature or form of the benefits.

Sec. 3172. (1) A person entitled to claim because of accidental bodily injury arising out of the ownership, operation, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle as a motor vehicle in this state may obtain claim personal protection insurance benefits through the assigned claims plan if no any of the following apply:

19 (a) No personal protection insurance is applicable to the 20 injury. 7 no

(b) No personal protection insurance applicable to the injury
can be identified. , the

(c) No personal protection insurance applicable to the injury cannot can be ascertained because of a dispute between 2 or more automobile insurers concerning their obligation to provide coverage or the equitable distribution of the loss. , or the

27 (d) The only identifiable personal protection insurance
28 applicable to the injury is, because of financial inability of 1 or
29 more insurers to fulfill their obligations, inadequate to provide



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benefits up to the maximum prescribed. In that case, unpaid

(2) Unpaid benefits due or coming due as described in
subsection (1) may be collected under the assigned claims plan, and
the insurer to which the claim is assigned is entitled to
reimbursement from the defaulting insurers to the extent of their
financial responsibility.

7 (3) A person entitled to claim personal protection insurance 8 benefits through the assigned claims plan under subsection (1) 9 shall file a completed application on a claim form provided by the 10 Michigan automobile insurance placement facility and provide 11 reasonable proof of loss to the Michigan automobile insurance placement facility. The Michigan automobile insurance placement 12 13 facility or an insurer assigned to administer a claim on behalf of 14 the Michigan automobile insurance placement facility under the 15 assigned claims plan shall specify in writing the materials that constitute a reasonable proof of loss within 60 days after receipt 16 17 by the Michigan automobile insurance placement facility of an 18 application that complies with this subsection.

(4) The Michigan automobile insurance placement facility or an insurer assigned to administer a claim on behalf of the Michigan automobile insurance placement facility under the assigned claims plan is not required to pay an interest penalty in connection with a claim for any period of time during which the claim is reasonably in dispute.

(5) (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, personal protection insurance benefits, including benefits arising from accidents occurring before March 29, 1985, payable through the assigned claims plan shall must be reduced to the extent that benefits covering the same loss are available from other sources,



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regardless of the nature or number of benefit sources available and 1 2 regardless of the nature or form of the benefits, to a person claiming personal protection insurance benefits through the 3 assigned claims plan. This subsection only applies if the personal 4 5 protection insurance benefits are payable through the assigned 6 claims plan because no personal protection insurance is applicable 7 to the injury, no personal protection insurance applicable to the 8 injury can be identified, or the only identifiable personal 9 protection insurance applicable to the injury is, because of 10 financial inability of 1 or more insurers to fulfill their 11 obligations, inadequate to provide benefits up to the maximum prescribed. under subsection (1) (a), (b), or (d). As used in this 12 13 subsection, "sources" and "benefit sources" do not include the 14 program for medical assistance for the medically indigent under the 15 social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.1 to 400.119b, or 16 insurance under the health insurance for the aged act, title and 17 disabled under subchapter XVIII of the social security act, 42 USC 1395 to 1395kkk-1.**1395***lll*. 18

19 (6) (3)—If the obligation to provide personal protection 20 insurance benefits cannot be ascertained because of a dispute 21 between 2 or more automobile insurers concerning their obligation 22 to provide coverage or the equitable distribution of the loss, and 23 if a method of voluntary payment of benefits cannot be agreed upon 24 among or between the disputing insurers, all of the following 25 apply:

(a) The insurers who are parties to the dispute shall, or the
claimant may, immediately notify the Michigan automobile insurance
placement facility of their inability to determine their statutory
obligations.



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(b) The claim shall be assigned by the Michigan automobile
 insurance placement facility shall assign the claim to an insurer
 and the insurer shall immediately provide personal protection
 insurance benefits to the claimant or claimants entitled to
 benefits.

6 (c) An action The insurer assigned the claim by the Michigan
7 automobile insurance placement facility shall be immediately
8 commenced commence an action on behalf of the Michigan automobile
9 insurance placement facility by the insurer to whom the claim is
10 assigned in circuit court to declare the rights and duties of any
11 interested party.

(d) The insurer to whom the claim is assigned shall join as parties defendant to the action commenced under subdivision (c) each insurer disputing either the obligation to provide personal protection insurance benefits or the equitable distribution of the loss among the insurers.

17 (e) The circuit court shall declare the rights and duties of18 any interested party whether or not other relief is sought or could19 be granted.

20 (f) After hearing the action, the circuit court shall determine the insurer or insurers, if any, obligated to provide the 21 applicable personal protection insurance benefits and the equitable 22 23 distribution, if any, among the insurers obligated, and shall order 24 reimbursement to the Michigan automobile insurance placement 25 facility from the insurer or insurers to the extent of the 26 responsibility as determined by the court. The reimbursement 27 ordered under this subdivision shall must include all benefits and costs paid or incurred by the Michigan automobile insurance 28 29 placement facility and all benefits and costs paid or incurred by



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insurers determined not to be obligated to provide applicable
 personal protection insurance benefits, including reasonable,
 actually incurred attorney fees and interest at the rate prescribed
 in section 3175 as of applicable on December 31 of the year
 preceding the determination of the circuit court.

6 (7) The Michigan automobile insurance placement facility and 7 the insurer to whom a claim is assigned by the Michigan automobile 8 insurance placement facility are only required to provide personal 9 protection insurance benefits under section 3107(1)(a) up to the 10 limit provided in section 3107c(1)(a).

11 Sec. 3173a. (1) The Michigan automobile insurance placement facility shall review a claim for personal protection insurance 12 13 benefits under the assigned claims plan, shall make an initial 14 determination of a claimant's the eligibility for benefits under 15 this chapter and the assigned claims plan, and shall deny an obviously incligible a claim . The that the Michigan automobile 16 17 insurance placement facility determines is ineligible under this 18 chapter or the assigned claims plan. If a claimant or person making 19 a claim through or on behalf of a claimant fails to cooperate with 20 the Michigan automobile insurance placement facility as required by 21 subsection (2), the Michigan automobile insurance placement 22 facility shall suspend benefits to the claimant under the assigned 23 claims plan. A suspension under this subsection is not an 24 irrevocable denial of benefits, and must continue only until the 25 Michigan automobile insurance placement facility determines that 26 the claimant or person making a claim through or on behalf of a 27 claimant cooperates or resumes cooperation with the Michigan 28 automobile insurance placement facility. The Michigan automobile 29 insurance placement facility shall promptly notify in writing the



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claimant shall be notified promptly in writing and any person that
 submitted a claim through or on behalf of a claimant of the a
 denial and the reasons for the denial.

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(2) A claimant or a person making a claim through or on behalf 4 5 of a claimant shall cooperate with the Michigan automobile 6 insurance placement facility in its determination of eligibility 7 and the settlement or defense of any claim or suit, including, but 8 not limited to, submitting to an examination under oath and 9 compliance with sections 3151 to 3153. There is a rebuttable 10 presumption that a person has satisfied the duty to cooperate under 11 this section if all of the following apply:

(a) The person submitted a claim for personal protection
insurance benefits under the assigned claims plan by submitting to
the Michigan automobile insurance placement facility a complete
application on a form provided by the Michigan automobile insurance
placement facility in accordance with the assigned claims plan.

17 (b) The person provided reasonable proof of loss under the18 assigned claims plan as described in section 3172.

(c) If required under this subsection to submit to an
examination under oath, the person submitted to the examination,
subject to all of the following:

(i) The person was provided at least 21 days' notice of theexamination.

24 (*ii*) The examination was conducted in a location reasonably25 convenient for the person.

26 (iii) Any reasonable request by the person to reschedule the
27 date, time, or location of the examination was accommodated.

(3) The Michigan automobile insurance placement facility mayperform its functions and responsibilities under this section and



the assigned claims plan directly or through an insurer assigned by 1 the Michigan automobile insurance placement facility to administer 2 the claim on behalf of the Michigan automobile insurance placement 3 facility. The assignment of a claim by the Michigan automobile 4 5 insurance placement facility to an insurer is not a determination 6 of eligibility under this chapter or the assigned claims plan, and 7 a claim assigned to an insurer by the Michigan automobile insurance 8 placement facility may later be denied if the claim is not eligible 9 under this chapter or the assigned claims plan.

10 (4) $\frac{(2)}{(2)}$ A person who presents or causes to be presented an 11 oral or written statement, including computer-generated information, as part of or in support of a claim to the Michigan 12 automobile insurance placement facility, or to an insurer to which 13 14 the claim is assigned under the assigned claims plan, for payment 15 or another benefit knowing that the statement contains false information concerning a fact or thing material to the claim 16 commits a fraudulent insurance act under section 4503 that is 17 18 subject to the penalties imposed under section 4511. A claim that contains or is supported by a fraudulent insurance act as described 19 20 in this subsection is ineligible for payment or of personal protection insurance benefits under the assigned claims plan. 21

(5) The Michigan automobile insurance placement facility may
contract with other persons for all or a portion of the goods and
services necessary for operating and maintaining the assigned
claims plan.

Sec. 3174. A person claiming through the assigned claims plan shall notify the Michigan automobile insurance placement facility of his or her claim within the time that would have been allowed for filing an action for personal protection insurance benefits if



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identifiable coverage applicable to the claim had been in effect. 1 2 The 1 year after the date of the accident. On an initial determination of a claimant's eligibility for benefits through the 3 assigned claims plan, the Michigan automobile insurance placement 4 facility shall promptly assign the claim in accordance with the 5 6 plan and notify the claimant of the identity and address of the 7 insurer to which the claim is assigned. An action by the a claimant 8 shall not be commenced more than 30 days after receipt of notice of 9 the assignment or the last date on which the action could have been 10 commenced against an insurer of identifiable coverage applicable to 11 the claim, whichever is later.must be commenced as provided in 12 section 3145.

Sec. 3175. (1) The assignment of claims under the assigned 13 14 claims plan shall must be made according to procedures established 15 in the assigned claims plan that assure fair allocation of the burden of assigned claims among insurers doing business in this 16 17 state on a basis reasonably related to the volume of automobile 18 liability and personal protection insurance they write on motor vehicles or the number of self-insured motor vehicles. An insurer 19 20 to whom claims have been assigned shall make prompt payment of loss in accordance with this act. An insurer is entitled to 21 22 reimbursement by the Michigan automobile insurance placement 23 facility for the payments, the established loss adjustment cost, 24 and an amount determined by use of the average annual 90-day United 25 States treasury bill yield rate, as reported by the council of economic advisers Council of Economic Advisers as of December 31 of 26 27 the year for which reimbursement is sought, as follows: 28 (a) For the calendar year in which claims are paid by the 29 insurer, the amount shall must be determined by applying the



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specified annual yield rate specified in this subsection to 1/2 of
 the total claims payments and loss adjustment costs.

(b) For the period from the end of the calendar year in which 3 claims are paid by the insurer to the date payments for the 4 5 operation of the assigned claims plan are due, the amount shall 6 must be determined by applying the annual yield rate specified in 7 this subsection to the total claims payments and loss adjustment 8 costs multiplied by a fraction, the denominator of which is 365 and 9 the numerator of which is equal to the number of days that have 10 elapsed between the end of the calendar year and the date payments 11 for the operation of the assigned claims plan are due.

(2) The-An insurer assigned a claim by the Michigan automobile 12 insurance placement facility under the assigned claims plan or a 13 14 person authorized to act on behalf of the plan may bring an action 15 for reimbursement and indemnification of the claim on behalf of the 16 Michigan automobile insurance placement facility. The insurer to 17 whom claims have which the claim has been assigned shall preserve 18 and enforce rights to indemnity or reimbursement against third 19 parties and account to the Michigan automobile insurance placement 20 facility for the rights and shall assign the rights to the Michigan 21 automobile insurance placement facility on reimbursement by the Michigan automobile insurance placement facility. This section does 22 23 not preclude an insurer from entering into reasonable compromises 24 and settlements with third parties against whom rights to indemnity 25 or reimbursement exist. The insurer shall account to the Michigan automobile insurance placement facility for any compromises and 26 settlements. The procedures established under the assigned claims 27 28 plan shall of operation must establish reasonable standards for 29 enforcing rights to indemnity or reimbursement against third



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parties, including a standard establishing an amount below which
 actions to preserve and enforce the rights need not be pursued.

3 (3) An action to enforce rights to indemnity or reimbursement
4 against a third party shall must not be commenced after the later
5 of 2-the following:

6 (a) Two years after the assignment of the claim to the
7 insurer. or 1

8 (b) One year after the date of the last payment to the9 claimant.

10 (c) One year after the date the responsible third party is 11 identified.

12 (4) Payments for the operation of the assigned claims plan not
13 paid by the due date shall-bear interest at the rate of 20% per
14 annum.

15 (5) The Michigan automobile insurance placement facility may enter into a written agreement with the debtor permitting the 16 payment of the judgment or acknowledgment of debt in installments 17 18 payable to the Michigan automobile insurance placement facility. A 19 default in payment of installments under a judgment as agreed 20 subjects the debtor to suspension or revocation of his or her motor 21 vehicle license or registration in the same manner as for the failure by an uninsured motorist to pay a judgment by installments 22 23 under section 3177, including responsibility for expenses as

24 provided in section 3177(4).

Sec. 3177. (1) An-The insurer obligated to pay personal protection insurance benefits for accidental bodily injury to a person arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of an uninsured motor vehicle as a motor vehicle may recover such all benefits paid, and appropriate incurred loss adjustment costs and



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expenses, and incurred attorney fees from the owner or registrant 1 of the uninsured motor vehicle or from his or her estate. Failure 2 3 of such a person the owner or registrant to make payment within 30 days after a judgment is entered in an action for recovery under 4 5 this subsection is a ground for suspension or revocation of his or 6 her motor vehicle registration and license as defined in section 25 7 of the Michigan vehicle code, Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 8 1949, being section 257.25 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. An 1949 9 PA 300, MCL 257.25. For purposes of this section, an uninsured 10 motor vehicle for the purpose of this section is a motor vehicle 11 with respect to which security as required by sections 3101 and 12 3102 is not in effect at the time of the accident.

(2) The Michigan automobile insurance placement facility may 13 14 make a written agreement with the owner or registrant of an 15 uninsured vehicle or his or her estate permitting the payment of a 16 judgment described in subsection (1) in installments payable to the 17 Michigan automobile insurance placement facility. The motor vehicle 18 registration and license shall of an owner or registrant who makes a written agreement under this subsection must not be suspended or 19 20 revoked and, the motor vehicle registration and license shall if 21 already suspended or revoked under subsection (1), must be restored 22 if the debtor enters into a written agreement with the secretary of 23 state permitting the payment of the judgment in installments, if 24 the payment of any installments is not in default.

(3) The secretary of state, upon on receipt of a certified
abstract of court record of a judgment described in subsection (1)
or notice from the an insurer or the Michigan automobile insurance
placement facility or its designee of an acknowledgment of a debt
described in subsection (1), shall notify the owner or registrant



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of an uninsured vehicle of the provisions of subsection (1) at that 1 2 person's the owner or registrant's last recorded address recorded 3 with the secretary of state and inform that person the owner or 4 registrant of the right to enter into a written agreement under this section with the secretary of state Michigan automobile 5 6 insurance placement facility or its designee for the payment of the 7 judgment or debt in installments.

8 (4) Expenses for the suspension, revocation, or reinstatement 9 of a motor vehicle registration or license under this section are 10 the responsibility of the owner or registrant or of his or her 11 estate. An owner or registrant whose registration or license is 12 suspended under this section shall pay any reinstatement fee as 13 required under section 320e of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 14 300, MCL 257.320e.

CHAPTER 63

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AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD TASK FORCE

17 Sec. 6301. As used in this chapter:

(a) "Automobile insurance fraud" means a fraudulent insurance 18 act as described in section 4503 that is committed in connection 19 20 with automobile insurance, including an application for automobile 21 insurance, regardless of whether the act constitutes a crime or 22 another violation of law.

23 (b) "Fund" means the automobile insurance fraud fund created 24 in section 6304.

25 (c) "Task force" means the automobile insurance fraud task 26 force created under section 6302.

Sec. 6302. (1) The automobile insurance fraud task force is 27 28 created in the department of state police. Members of the task 29 force shall perform their duties on the task force under the



1 direction of the director of the department of state police.

2 (2) The task force consists of the following members,3 appointed as follows:

4 (a) Five officers of the department of state police as
5 described under section 6 of 1935 PA 59, MCL 28.6, appointed by the
6 director of the department of state police.

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(b) One employee of the department, appointed by the director.

8 (c) One representative of the catastrophic claims association 9 created under section 3104, appointed by the catastrophic claims 10 association board.

(d) One employee of the Michigan automobile insurance placement facility who is involved in the operation of the assigned claims plan created under section 3171, appointed by the Michigan automobile insurance placement facility.

15 (e) One employee of the department of attorney general,16 appointed by the attorney general.

17 (3) A member of the task force shall serve at the pleasure of 18 the person that appointed the member. If a vacancy occurs on the 19 task force, the person with the power to appoint a member to the 20 vacant position shall make an appointment in the same manner as the 21 original appointment.

22 (4) The task force shall do all of the following:

23 (a) Receive records from the anti-fraud unit created under24 Executive Order No. 2018-9.

25 (b) Collect and maintain claims of automobile insurance fraud.

26 (c) Investigate claims of automobile insurance fraud.

27 (d) Maintain records of its investigations.

(e) Pursue the prosecution, whether criminal or civil, ofpersons that commit automobile insurance fraud.



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(5) The task force may do 1 or more of the following:

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2 (a) Share records of its investigations with other law
3 enforcement agencies and departments and agencies of this state.

4 (b) Review records of other law enforcement agencies and
5 departments and agencies of this state to assist in the
6 investigation of automobile insurance fraud and enforcement of laws
7 relating to automobile insurance fraud.

8 (c) Conduct outreach and coordination efforts with local and 9 state law enforcement agencies and departments and agencies of this 10 state to promote investigation and prosecution of automobile 11 insurance fraud.

(d) Anything else that it determines is necessary to
investigate and prosecute automobile insurance fraud in this state.
Sec. 6303. (1) Within 60 days after the effective date of this
chapter, the anti-fraud unit created as provided in Executive Order
No. 2018-9 shall transfer all records regarding claims of
automobile insurance fraud and investigation of claims of
automobile insurance fraud in its possession to the task force.

19 (2) After the anti-fraud unit has transferred the records as20 required by subsection (1), the anti-fraud unit is dissolved.

Sec. 6304. (1) The automobile insurance fraud fund is createdwithin the state treasury.

(2) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from
any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall
direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit
to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

27 (3) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year must28 remain in the fund and not lapse to the general fund.

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(4) The department of state police is the administrator of the

1 fund for auditing purposes.

2 (5) The department of state police shall disburse money from3 the fund, upon appropriation, as follows:

4 (a) Until 5 years after the effective date of this section, 5 money in the fund must be disbursed to the department of state 6 police, the department, the catastrophic claims association, the 7 Michigan automobile insurance placement facility, and the 8 department of the attorney general, in proportion to the number of 9 officers, employees, or representatives each of these has on the 10 task force. Money disbursed under this subdivision must be used for 11 the operation of the task force.

(b) Beginning 5 years after the effective date of this
section, the department of state police shall expend money from the
fund, upon appropriation for the operation of the task force.

Sec. 6305. (1) An insurer authorized to transact automobile insurance in this state shall report data regarding automobile insurance fraud by medical providers, attorneys, or other persons to the task force.

19 (2) The department shall cooperate with the task force and
20 shall provide all available statistics on automobile fraud and
21 unfair claims practices to the task force on request.

22 Sec. 6307. (1) Beginning July 1 of the year after the 23 effective date of the amendatory act that added this section, the 24 task force shall prepare and publish an annual report to the 25 legislature on the task force's efforts to prevent automobile 26 insurance fraud by medical providers, attorneys, or other persons, 27 unfair claims practices of insurance companies, and cost savings 28 that have resulted from those efforts.

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(2) The annual report to the legislature required by this



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1 section must detail the automobile insurance fraud by medical 2 providers, attorneys, or other persons and unfair claims practices 3 of insurance companies occurring in this state for the previous 4 year, assess the impact of the fraud and unfair claims practices on rates charged for automobile insurance, and outline any 5 6 expenditures made by the task force. The director shall cooperate 7 in developing the report as requested by the task force and shall 8 make available to the task force records and statistics concerning 9 automobile insurance fraud by medical providers, attorneys, or 10 other persons and unfair claims practices, including the number of 11 instances of suspected and confirmed automobile insurance fraud, 12 number of prosecutions and convictions involving automobile 13 insurance fraud, automobile insurance fraud recidivism, unfair 14 settlement practices and claims practices, including those reported 15 to the department under section 261, reimbursement rate practices, timeliness of claims practices, and the use of independent medical 16 17 examiners. The task force shall evaluate the impact automobile 18 insurance fraud by medical providers, attorneys, or other persons 19 has on the citizens of this state and the costs incurred by the 20 citizens through insurance, police enforcement, prosecution, and incarceration because of automobile insurance fraud. The task force 21 22 shall evaluate the impact unfair claims practices by insurers have 23 on the citizens of this state and shall determine the costs 24 incurred by the citizens through unnecessary litigation and bad-25 faith practices.

(3) The task force shall submit the annual report to the
legislature required by this section to the standing committees of
the senate and house of representatives with primary jurisdiction
over insurance issues and the director.



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Enacting section 1. Section 3112 of the insurance code of
 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3112, as amended by this amendatory act,
 applies to products, services, or accommodations provided after the
 effective date of this amendatory act.



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