



# HOUSE BILL No. 5693

March 19, 1996, Introduced by Rep. Hanley and referred to the Committee on Human Services.

A bill to amend section 39 of Act No. 280 of the Public Acts of 1939, entitled as amended

"The social welfare act,"

being section 400.39 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 39 of Act No. 280 of the Public Acts of  
2 1939, being section 400.39 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 39. (1) All ~~old age~~ assistance ~~, aid to dependent~~  
5 ~~children, aid to the blind, and aid to the permanently and~~  
6 ~~totally disabled,~~ given under this act shall be paid directly to  
7 the ~~applicant or~~ recipient except ~~that (1) if~~ FOR THE  
8 FOLLOWING:

9 (A) IF a legal guardian has been ~~duly~~ appointed for ~~such~~  
10 ~~applicant or~~ THE recipient, the assistance may be paid to ~~such~~

1 THE guardian for the benefit of ~~such applicant or~~ THE  
2 recipient. ~~, or (2) if~~

3 (B) IF the state department has entered into a contractual  
4 arrangement or agreement or has authorized goods or services from  
5 a provider including hospitalization or medical care in behalf of  
6 the ~~applicant or~~ recipient, a portion of the assistance as  
7 determined by the state department may be paid directly to the  
8 contractor or provider. ~~, or (3) if~~

9 (C) IF necessary, as determined by the state department and  
10 in conformance with the rules of the department of health ~~7~~  
11 ~~education and welfare~~ HUMAN SERVICES and ~~such~~ rules ~~as~~  
12 ~~shall be~~ developed by the state department, the assistance may  
13 be paid to a third party interested in and acting responsibly  
14 ~~in~~ ON behalf of ~~such applicant or~~ THE recipient for the bene-  
15 fit of ~~such applicant or~~ THE recipient. ~~-(4)-~~

16 (D) AT THE REQUEST OF THE RECIPIENT, ASSISTANCE SHALL BE  
17 PAID DIRECTLY TO A VENDOR PROVIDING LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS OR  
18 UTILITIES.

19 (2) IF THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAKES DIRECT PAYMENTS OF RENT TO  
20 A LANDLORD UNDER SUBSECTION (1)(C) OR (D), IT SHALL MAKE THE RENT  
21 PAYMENT ONCE A MONTH.

22 (3) Any assistance checks not indorsed during the lifetime  
23 of the recipient ~~shall be null and~~ ARE void and shall be  
24 returned to the state department and canceled.