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House Bill 4764 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Gerald Law
House Committee: Insurance and Financial Services
Senate Committee: Financial Services

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 386 of 1996, which regulates the sale and purchase of viatical settlement contracts, to prohibit a provider from offering to provide or from providing any payment to a viator conditioned on the viator's agreement to commit suicide.

(The term "viatical settlement contract" means a written agreement whereby the life insurance policy of a terminally ill person is "bought" by a person or entity at a cost below the amount of the death benefit. "Provider" means a person who enters into a viatical settlement with a viator, but does not include a financial lending institution that takes a policy as collateral for a loan; the issuer of a policy providing accelerated benefits under the Insurance Code; or an individual who enters into no more than one viatical settlement contract in a calendar year for the transfer of a policy for any value less than the expected death benefit. "Viator" means the owner or holder of a life insurance policy or certificate, who has a catastrophic or life-threatening illness or condition and who enters into a viatical settlement contract.)

Proposed MCL 550.524a

Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no impact on State or local government.

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