

HOUSE BILL No. 4561

April 22, 1999, Introduced by Reps. Stallworth and Vaughn and referred to the Committee on House Oversight and Operations.

A bill to establish the office of Michigan minority ombudsman; to prescribe its powers and duties; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and departments.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Minority" means an individual who is African-American,
3 Asian-American, Eskimo, Hispanic, or American Indian.

4 (b) "Minority-owned business" means a business that is at
5 least 50% owned, controlled, and managed by minorities.

6 Sec. 2. The office of the Michigan minority ombudsman is
7 created within the department of civil rights. The principal
8 executive officer of the office is the Michigan minority ombuds-
9 man, who shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and
10 consent of the senate.

1 Sec. 3. (1) The office of the Michigan minority ombudsman
2 is responsible for assisting minority-owned businesses in using
3 services of the state available to those businesses.

4 (2) The department of civil rights, the department of con-
5 sumer and industry services, the Michigan jobs commission, the
6 department of management and budget, and the department of trea-
7 sury shall assist the office of Michigan minority ombudsman in
8 executing the duties described in subsection (1).