

SENATE BILL NO. 313

February 16, 1999, Introduced by Senators HAMMERSTROM, BENNETT, NORTH, STILLE, GAST, SHUGARS, MC COTTER, HOFFMAN, ROGERS, GOUGEON, JAYE and GOSCHKA and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1981 PA 180, entitled
"Older Michiganians act,"
(MCL 400.581 to 400.594) by adding section 13a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 13A. (1) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ESTABLISH A
2 MICHIGAN CARD PROGRAM AND PROVIDE A MICHIGAN CARD TO ANY RESIDENT
3 OF THIS STATE WHO APPLIES TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR A CARD
4 AND WHO IS DISABLED OR IS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. THE DIRECTOR
5 SHALL DEVISE PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE BENEFITS OF ANY KIND TO CARD-
6 HOLDERS AND ENCOURAGE SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN THOSE PROGRAMS
7 BY ALL PERSONS, INCLUDING GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.
8 CARDHOLDERS ARE ENTITLED TO ANY BENEFITS GRANTED TO THEM BY PRI-
9 VATE PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS, THE LAWS OF THIS STATE, OR
10 ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THIS
11 STATE. A PERSON WHO IS THE HOLDER OF A SIMILAR CARD FROM ANOTHER

1 STATE IS ENTITLED TO THE SAME BENEFITS AS A CARDHOLDER WHOSE CARD
2 HAS BEEN ISSUED IN THIS STATE, IF THE OTHER STATE PROVIDES SIMI-
3 LAR BENEFITS TO THE HOLDERS OF CARDS ISSUED BY OTHER STATES.
4 THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION TO PRO-
5 VIDE BENEFITS TO ANY CARDHOLDER. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL
6 BEAR THE COSTS OF PRODUCING, DISTRIBUTING, AND ADMINISTRATING THE
7 CARDS.

8 (2) BEFORE ISSUING A MICHIGAN CARD TO ANY PERSON, THE DIREC-
9 TOR SHALL VERIFY THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON WHO APPLIES FOR A
10 CARD AND SHALL ALSO VERIFY THAT THE PERSON IS DISABLED OR IS 65
11 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

12 (3) THE DIRECTOR SHALL PROMULGATE RULES UNDER THE ADMINIS-
13 TRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT OF 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 TO
14 24.328, TO PREVENT THE ISSUANCE OF A CARD TO A PERSON NOT QUALI-
15 FIED TO HAVE ONE. A CARD SHALL CONTAIN THE SIGNATURE OF THE
16 CARDHOLDER AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE
17 CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

18 (4) A CARD THAT THE DIRECTOR ISSUES SHALL BE HELD IN PERPE-
19 TUITY BY THE ORIGINAL CARDHOLDER AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE. A
20 PERSON WHO LOSES HIS OR HER CARD MAY OBTAIN ANOTHER CARD FROM THE
21 SECRETARY OF STATE.

22 (5) A PERSON SHALL NOT USE A MICHIGAN CARD TO OBTAIN A BENE-
23 FIT FOR A PERSON OTHER THAN THE CARDHOLDER.

24 (6) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "DISABLED PERSON" MEANS A
25 PERSON WHO HAS A DISABILITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 216 OF TITLE II
26 OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, 42 U.S.C. 416.