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## **ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4455**

AN ACT to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to provide for the levy of taxes against certain health facilities or agencies; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to provide for an appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 2227.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 2227. The department shall do all of the following:

- (a) Develop and implement a structure to address racial and ethnic health disparities in this state.
- (b) Monitor minority health progress.
- (c) Establish minority health policy.

(d) Develop and implement an effective statewide strategic plan for the reduction of racial and ethnic health disparities.

(e) Utilize federal, state, and private resources, as available and within the limits of appropriations, to fund minority health programs, research, and other initiatives.

(f) Provide the following through interdepartmental coordination:

(i) Data and technical assistance to minority health coalitions and any other local entities addressing the elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities.

(ii) Measurable objectives to minority health coalitions and any other local health entities for the development of interventions that address the elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities.

(g) Establish a web page on the department's website, in coordination with the state health disparities reduction and minority health section, that provides information or links to all of the following:

(i) Research within minority populations.

(ii) A resource directory that can be distributed to local organizations interested in minority health.

(iii) Racial and ethnic specific data including, but not limited to, morbidity and mortality.

(h) Develop and implement recruitment and retention strategies to increase the number of minorities in the health and social services professions.

(i) Develop and implement awareness strategies targeted at health and social service providers in an effort to eliminate the occurrence of racial and ethnic health disparities.

(j) Identify and assist in the implementation of culturally and linguistically appropriate health promotion and disease prevention programs that would emphasize prevention and incorporate an accessible, affordable, and acceptable early detection and intervention component.

(k) Promote the development and networking of minority health coalitions.

(l) Appoint a department liaison to provide the following services to local minority health coalitions:

(i) Assist in the development of local prevention and intervention plans.

(ii) Relay the concerns of local minority health coalitions to the department.

(iii) Assist in coordinating minority input on state health policies and programs.

(iv) Serve as the link between the department and local efforts to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities.

(m) Provide funding, within the limits of appropriations, to support evidence-based preventative health, education, and treatment programs that include outcome measures and evaluation plans in minority communities.

(n) Provide technical assistance to local communities to obtain funding for the development and implementation of a health care delivery system to meet the needs, gaps, and barriers identified in the statewide strategic plan for eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities.

(o) One year after the effective date of this section and each year thereafter, submit a written report on the status, impact, and effectiveness of the amendatory act that added this section to the standing committees in the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over issues pertaining to public health, the senate and house of representatives appropriations subcommittees on community health, and the senate and house fiscal agencies.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.