

# HOUSE BILL No. 5768

April 23, 1998, Introduced by Reps. Stallworth, Kilpatrick, Hale and Thomas and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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).