

SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 694

A bill to amend 1937 PA 72, entitled
"Division on deafness act,"
by amending section 2 (MCL 408.202), as amended by 1988 PA 434.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Council" means the advisory council on ~~deafness~~ **DEAF,**
3 **DEAFBLIND, AND HARD OF HEARING** established in section 5.

4 (b) "Deaf person" means a person ~~whose hearing is totally~~
5 ~~impaired or whose hearing,~~ **WHO IS NOT ABLE TO PROCESS INFORMATION**
6 **AURALLY,** with or without amplification, ~~is so seriously impaired~~
7 ~~that the~~ **AND WHOSE** primary means of **COMMUNICATION IS VISUAL OR BY**
8 receiving spoken language ~~is~~ through other sensory input,
9 including, but not limited to, lipreading, sign language, finger
10 spelling, ~~and~~ **OR** reading.

1 (C) "DEAFBLIND PERSON" MEANS A PERSON WHO HAS A COMBINATION OF
2 HEARING LOSS AND VISION LOSS, AND THAT COMBINATION NECESSITATES
3 SPECIALIZED INTERPRETATION OF SPOKEN AND WRITTEN INFORMATION IN A
4 MANNER APPROPRIATE TO EACH PERSON'S DUAL SENSORY LOSS.

5 (D) ~~(e)~~ "Department" means the department of ~~labor~~ CIVIL
6 RIGHTS.

7 (E) ~~(d)~~ "Division" means the division on ~~deafness~~ DEAF,
8 DEAFBLIND, AND HARD OF HEARING established in section 3.

9 (F) ~~(e)~~ "Hearing impaired" **HARD OF HEARING** person" means a
10 person who has a ~~degree of~~ hearing loss that ranges from mild to
11 profound. ~~Hearing impaired person includes a deaf person.~~ **A HARD OF**
12 **HEARING PERSON USES HIS OR HER RESIDUAL HEARING, A HEARING AID, A**
13 **COCHLEAR IMPLANT, HEARING ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY, COMMUNICATION**
14 **ACCESS REALTIME TRANSLATION (CART), SPEECH READING, OR OTHER**
15 **COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES AND REMAINS IN THE HEARING WORLD.**

16 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
17 after the date it is enacted into law.