

Legislative Analysis



GIFT LIMIT FOR LIFE INSURANCE PROVIDERS

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House Bill 4704 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Joseph A. Aragona
Committee: Insurance and Financial Services
Complete to 6-19-23

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4704 would amend the Insurance Code to increase (from \$5 to \$50) the cap on gifts of merchandise that life insurers can provide applicants for a life insurance policy, allow the gifts to be given to policyholders as well as to applicants, and change the cap to apply annually and not on a one-time or cumulative basis.

The act currently provides that sections 2024, 2066, and 2070 (which address rebates, special inducements, and reduction of insurance policies) do not prohibit a life insurer or life insurance agent from giving to each applicant for a life insurance policy an article of merchandise having an invoice value of \$5 or less.

The bill instead would provide that those sections do not prohibit a life insurer or life insurance producer from giving to each applicant for or an insured under a life insurance policy an article of merchandise with a cost to the insurer of \$50 or less per calendar year.

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BACKGROUND:

House Bill 4704 is identical to House Bill 6144 of the 2021-22 legislative session as that bill was passed by the House of Representatives.¹

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4704 would have no fiscal impact on state or local government.

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¹ <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2022-HB-6144>