SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1464

A bill to amend 1998 PA 386, entitled
"Estates and protected individuals code,"
by amending sections 1106, 5306, 5506, 5507, 5508, 5509, 5510,
5511, 5512, and 5520 (MCL 700.1106, 700.5306, 700.5506, 700.5507,
700.5508, 700.5509, 700.5510, 700.5511, 700.5512, and 700.5520),
sections 1106, 5506, 5507, 5508, and 5510 as amended by 2003 PA
63, section 5306 as amended and section 5520 as added by 2000 PA
312, and section 5509 as amended by 1999 PA 52, and by adding
section 5515; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1106. As used in this act:
- 2 (a) "Mental health professional" means an individual who is
- 3 trained and experienced in the area of mental illness or
- 4 developmental disabilities and who is 1 of the following:
- 5 (i) A physician who is licensed to practice medicine or

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- 1 osteopathic medicine and surgery in this state under article 15
- **2** of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to
- **3** 333.18838.
- 4 (ii) A psychologist licensed to practice in this state under
- 5 article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101
- 6 to 333.18838.
- 7 (iii) A registered professional nurse licensed to practice in
- 8 this state under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA
- 9 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.
- 10 (iv) A social worker registered as a certified licensed or
- 11 otherwise allowed to practice as a social worker under -article
- **12** 15 **part 185** of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL
- $\frac{-333.16101}{100}$ to $\frac{333.18838}{100}$ 333.18501 to 333.18518.
- 14 (v) A physician's assistant licensed to practice in this
- 15 state under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368,
- **16** MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.
 - <<(vi) A licensed professional counselor licensed under part 181 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.18101 to 333.18117.>>
- 17 (b) "Michigan prudent investor rule" means the fiduciary
- 18 investment and management rule prescribed by part 5 of this
- 19 article.
- (c) "Minor" means an individual who is less than 18 years of
- **21** age.
- (d) "Minor ward" means a minor for whom a quardian is
- 23 appointed solely because of minority.
- 24 (e) "Money" means legal tender or a note, draft, certificate
- 25 of deposit, stock, bond, check, or credit card.
- 26 (f) "Mortgage" means a conveyance, agreement, or arrangement
- 27 in which property is encumbered or used as security.

- 1 (g) "Nonresident decedent" means a decedent who was domiciled
- 2 in another jurisdiction at the time of his or her death.
- 3 (h) "Organization" means a corporation, business trust,
- 4 estate, trust, partnership, joint venture, association, limited
- 5 liability company, government, governmental subdivision or
- 6 agency, or another legal or commercial entity.
- 7 (i) "Parent" includes, but is not limited to, an individual
- 8 entitled to take, or who would be entitled to take, as a parent
- 9 under this act by intestate succession from a child who dies
- 10 without a will and whose relationship is in question. Parent
- 11 does not include an individual who is only a stepparent, foster
- 12 parent, or grandparent.
- 13 (j) "Patient advocate" means an individual designated to
- 14 exercise powers concerning another individual's care, custody,
- 15 and medical or mental health treatment or authorized to make an
- 16 anatomical gift on behalf of another individual, or both, as
- 17 provided in section 5506.
- 18 (k) "Patient advocate designation" means the written document
- 19 executed and with the effect as described in sections 5506 to
- 20 $\frac{-5512}{}$ 5515.
- 21 (l) "Payor" means a trustee, insurer, business entity,
- 22 employer, government, governmental subdivision or agency, or
- 23 other person authorized or obligated by law or a governing
- 24 instrument to make payments.
- 25 (m) "Person" means an individual or an organization.
- (n) "Personal representative" includes, but is not limited
- 27 to, an executor, administrator, successor personal

- 1 representative, and special personal representative, and any
- 2 other person who performs substantially the same function under
- 3 the law governing that person's status.
- 4 (o) "Petition" means a written request to the court for an
- 5 order after notice.
- 6 (p) "Proceeding" includes an application and a petition, and
- 7 may be an action at law or a suit in equity. A proceeding may be
- 8 denominated a civil action under court rules.
- 9 (q) "Professional conservator" means a person that provides
- 10 conservatorship services for a fee. Professional conservator
- 11 does not include a person who is an individual who is related to
- 12 all but 2 of the protected individuals for whom he or she is
- 13 appointed as conservator.
- 14 (r) "Professional guardian" means a person that provides
- 15 guardianship services for a fee. Professional guardian does not
- 16 include a person who is an individual who is related to all but 2
- 17 of the wards for whom he or she is appointed as guardian.
- 18 (s) "Property" means anything that may be the subject of
- 19 ownership, and includes both real and personal property or an
- 20 interest in real or personal property.
- (t) "Protected individual" means a minor or other individual
- 22 for whom a conservator has been appointed or other protective
- 23 order has been made as provided in part 4 of article V.
- (u) "Protective proceeding" means a proceeding under the
- 25 provisions of part 4 of article V.
- 26 Sec. 5306. (1) The court may appoint a guardian if the
- 27 court finds by clear and convincing evidence both that the

- 1 individual for whom a guardian is sought is an incapacitated
- 2 individual and that the appointment is necessary as a means of
- 3 providing continuing care and supervision of the incapacitated
- 4 individual, with each finding supported separately on the
- 5 record. Alternately, the court may dismiss the proceeding or
- 6 enter another appropriate order.
- 7 (2) The court shall grant a guardian only those powers and
- 8 only for that period of time as is necessary to provide for the
- 9 demonstrated need of the incapacitated individual. The court
- 10 shall design the guardianship to encourage the development of
- 11 maximum self-reliance and independence in the individual. If the
- 12 court is aware that an individual has executed a patient advocate
- 13 designation under section 5506, the court shall not grant a
- 14 guardian any of the same powers that are held by the patient
- 15 advocate. A court order establishing a guardianship shall
- 16 specify any limitations on the guardian's powers and any time
- 17 limits on the guardianship.
- 18 (3) If the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that
- 19 an individual is incapacitated and lacks the capacity to do some,
- 20 but not all, of the tasks necessary to care for himself or
- 21 herself, the court may appoint a limited guardian to provide
- 22 quardianship services to the individual, but the court shall not
- 23 appoint a full guardian.
- 24 (4) If the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that
- 25 the individual is incapacitated and is totally without capacity
- 26 to care for himself or herself, the court shall specify that
- 27 finding of fact in an order and may appoint a full guardian.

- 1 (5) If an individual executed a patient advocate designation
- 2 under section 5506 before the time the court determines that he
- 3 or she became a legally incapacitated individual, a guardian does
- 4 not have and shall not exercise the power or duty of making
- 5 medical or mental health treatment decisions that the patient
- 6 advocate is designated to make. If, however, a petition for
- 7 quardianship or for modification under section 5310 alleges and
- 8 the court finds that the patient advocate designation was not
- 9 executed in compliance with section 5506, that the patient
- 10 advocate is not complying with the terms of the designation or
- 11 with the applicable provisions of sections 5506 to -5512 5515,
- 12 or that the patient advocate is not acting consistent with the
- 13 ward's best interests, the court may modify the guardianship's
- 14 terms to grant those powers to the guardian.
- 15 Sec. 5506. (1) An individual 18 years of age or older who
- 16 is of sound mind at the time a patient advocate designation is
- 17 made may designate in writing another individual who is 18 years
- 18 of age or older to exercise powers concerning care, custody, and
- 19 medical or mental health treatment decisions for the individual
- 20 making the patient advocate designation. An individual making a
- 21 patient advocate designation under this subsection may include in
- 22 the patient advocate designation the authority for the designated
- 23 individual to make an anatomical gift of all or part of the
- 24 individual's body in accordance with this act and section 10102
- 25 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.10102.
- 26 (2) For purposes of this section and sections 5507 to -5512
- 27 5515, an individual who is named in a patient advocate

- 1 designation to exercise powers concerning care, custody, and
- 2 medical or mental health treatment decisions is known as a
- 3 patient advocate and an individual who makes a patient advocate
- 4 designation is known as a patient.
- 5 (3) A patient advocate designation under this section must be
- 6 in writing, signed, witnessed as provided in subsection (4),
- 7 dated, executed voluntarily, and, before its implementation, made
- 8 part of the patient's medical record with, as applicable, the
- 9 patient's attending physician, and, if applicable, with the
- 10 mental health professional providing treatment to the patient,
- 11 the facility where the patient is located, or the community
- 12 mental health services program or hospital that is providing
- 13 mental health services to the patient. The patient advocate
- 14 designation must include a statement that the authority conferred
- 15 under this section is exercisable only when the patient is unable
- 16 to participate in medical or mental health treatment decisions,
- 17 as applicable, and, in the case of the authority to make an
- 18 anatomical gift as described in subsection (1), a statement that
- 19 the authority remains exercisable after the patient's death.
- 20 (4) A patient advocate designation under this section must be
- 21 executed in the presence of and signed by 2 witnesses. A witness
- 22 under this section shall not be the patient's spouse, parent,
- 23 child, grandchild, sibling, presumptive heir, known devisee at
- 24 the time of the witnessing, physician, or patient advocate or an
- 25 employee of a life or health insurance provider for the patient,
- 26 of a health facility that is treating the patient, or of a home
- 27 for the aged as defined in section 20106 of the public health

- 1 code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20106, where the patient resides, or
- 2 of a community mental health services program or hospital that is
- 3 providing mental health services to the patient. A witness shall
- 4 not sign the patient advocate designation unless the patient
- 5 appears to be of sound mind and under no duress, fraud, or undue
- 6 influence.
- 7 (5) As used in this section, "community mental health
- 8 services program or hospital" means a community mental health
- 9 services program as that term is defined in section 100a of the
- 10 mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100a, or a hospital as
- 11 that term is defined in section 100b of the mental health code,
- 12 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100b.
- 13 Sec. 5507. (1) A patient advocate designation may include a
- 14 statement of the patient's desires on care, custody, and medical
- 15 treatment or mental health treatment, or both. A patient
- 16 advocate designation may also include a statement of the
- 17 patient's desires on the making of an anatomical gift of all or
- 18 part of the patient's body under part 101 of the public health
- 19 code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.10101 to 333.10109. The patient may
- 20 authorize the patient advocate to exercise 1 or more powers
- 21 concerning the patient's care, custody, -and-medical treatment,
- 22 -or concerning- mental health treatment, or the making of an
- 23 anatomical gift that the patient could have exercised on his or
- 24 her own behalf.
- 25 (2) A patient may designate in the patient advocate
- 26 designation a successor individual as a patient advocate who may
- 27 exercise powers concerning care, custody, and medical or mental

- 1 health treatment decisions or concerning the making of an
- 2 anatomical gift for the patient if the first individual named as
- 3 patient advocate does not accept, is incapacitated, resigns, or
- 4 is removed.
- 5 (3) Before a patient advocate designation is implemented, a
- 6 copy of the patient advocate designation must be given to the
- 7 proposed patient advocate and must be given to a successor
- 8 patient advocate before the successor acts as patient advocate.
- 9 Before acting as a patient advocate, the proposed patient
- 10 advocate must sign an acceptance of the patient advocate
- 11 designation.
- 12 (4) The acceptance of a designation as a patient advocate
- 13 must include substantially all of the following statements:
- 14 1. This patient advocate designation is not effective unless
- 15 the patient is unable to participate in -medical treatment
- 16 decisions regarding the patient's medical or mental health, as
- 17 applicable. If this patient advocate designation includes the
- 18 authority to make an anatomical gift as described in section
- 19 5506, the authority remains exercisable after the patient's
- 20 death.
- 21 2. A patient advocate shall not exercise powers concerning
- 22 the patient's care, custody, and medical or mental health
- 23 treatment that the patient, if the patient were able to
- 24 participate in the decision, could not have exercised on his or
- 25 her own behalf.
- 26 3. This patient advocate designation cannot be used to make
- 27 a medical treatment decision to withhold or withdraw treatment

- 1 from a patient who is pregnant that would result in the pregnant
- 2 patient's death.
- 3 4. A patient advocate may make a decision to withhold or
- 4 withdraw treatment that would allow a patient to die only if the
- 5 patient has expressed in a clear and convincing manner that the
- 6 patient advocate is authorized to make such a decision, and that
- 7 the patient acknowledges that such a decision could or would
- 8 allow the patient's death.
- 9 5. A patient advocate shall not receive compensation for the
- 10 performance of his or her authority, rights, and
- 11 responsibilities, but a patient advocate may be reimbursed for
- 12 actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his
- 13 or her authority, rights, and responsibilities.
- 14 6. A patient advocate shall act in accordance with the
- 15 standards of care applicable to fiduciaries when acting for the
- 16 patient and shall act consistent with the patient's best
- 17 interests. The known desires of the patient expressed or
- 18 evidenced while the patient is able to participate in medical or
- 19 mental health treatment decisions are presumed to be in the
- 20 patient's best interests.
- 21 7. A patient may revoke his or her patient advocate
- 22 designation at any time and in any manner sufficient to
- 23 communicate an intent to revoke.
- 24 8. A patient may waive his or her right to revoke the
- 25 patient advocate designation as to the power to make mental
- 26 health treatment decisions, and if such a waiver is made, his or
- 27 her ability to revoke as to certain treatment will be delayed for

- 1 30 days after the patient communicates his or her intent to
- 2 revoke.
- 3 9. —8.— A patient advocate may revoke his or her acceptance
- 4 of the patient advocate designation at any time and in any manner
- 5 sufficient to communicate an intent to revoke.
- 6 10. 9. A patient admitted to a health facility or agency
- 7 has the rights enumerated in section 20201 of the public health
- 8 code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20201.
- 9 Sec. 5508. (1) Except as provided under subsection (3), the
- 10 authority under a patient advocate designation is exercisable by
- 11 a patient advocate only when the patient is unable to participate
- 12 in medical treatment or, as applicable, mental health treatment
- 13 decisions. The patient's attending physician and another
- 14 physician or licensed psychologist shall determine upon
- 15 examination of the patient -when- whether the patient is unable
- 16 to participate in medical treatment decisions, shall put the
- 17 determination in writing, shall make the determination part of
- 18 the patient's medical record, and shall review the determination
- 19 not less than annually. If the patient's religious beliefs
- 20 prohibit an examination and this is stated in the designation,
- 21 the patient must indicate in the designation how it shall be
- 22 determined when the patient advocate exercises powers concerning
- 23 decisions on behalf of the patient the determination under this
- 24 subsection shall be made. The determination of the patient's
- 25 ability to make mental health treatment decisions shall be made
- 26 under section 5515.
- 27 (2) If a dispute arises as to whether the patient is unable

- 1 to participate in medical or mental health treatment decisions, a
- 2 petition may be filed with the court in the county in which the
- 3 patient resides or is -found-located requesting the court's
- 4 determination as to whether the patient is unable to participate
- 5 in decisions regarding medical treatment -decisions- or mental
- 6 health treatment, as applicable. If a petition is filed under
- 7 this subsection, the court shall appoint a quardian ad litem to
- 8 represent the patient for the purposes of this subsection. The
- 9 court shall conduct a hearing on a petition under this subsection
- 10 as soon as possible and not later than 7 days after the court
- 11 receives the petition. As soon as possible and not later than 7
- 12 days after the hearing, the court shall determine whether or not
- 13 the patient is able to participate in decisions regarding medical
- 14 treatment <u>decisions</u> or mental health treatment, as applicable.
- 15 If the court determines that the patient is unable to participate
- 16 in -medical treatment the decisions, the patient advocate's
- 17 authority, rights, and responsibilities are effective. If the
- 18 court determines that the patient is able to participate in
- 19 -medical treatment the decisions, the patient advocate's
- 20 authority, rights, and responsibilities are not effective.
- 21 (3) In the case of a patient advocate designation that
- 22 authorizes a patient advocate to make an anatomical gift of all
- 23 or part of the patient's body, the patient advocate shall act on
- 24 the patient's behalf in accordance with section 10102 of the
- 25 public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.10102, and may do so
- 26 only after the patient has been declared unable to participate in
- 27 medical treatment decisions as provided in subsection (1) or

- 1 declared dead by a licensed physician. The patient advocate's
- 2 authority to make an anatomical gift remains exercisable after
- 3 the patient's death.
- 4 Sec. 5509. (1) An individual designated as a patient
- 5 advocate has the following authority, rights, responsibilities,
- 6 and limitations:
- 7 (a) A patient advocate shall act in accordance with the
- 8 standards of care applicable to fiduciaries in exercising his or
- 9 her powers.
- 10 (b) A patient advocate shall take reasonable steps to follow
- 11 the desires, instructions, or guidelines given by the patient
- 12 while the patient was able to participate in decisions regarding
- 13 care, custody, —or medical treatment, —decisions— or mental
- 14 health treatment, as applicable, whether given orally or as
- 15 written in the designation.
- (c) A patient advocate shall not exercise powers concerning
- 17 the patient's care, custody, and medical or mental health
- 18 treatment that the patient, if the patient were able to
- 19 participate in the decision, could not have exercised on his or
- 20 her own behalf.
- 21 (d) This The designation cannot be used to make a medical
- 22 treatment decision to withhold or withdraw treatment from a
- 23 patient who is pregnant that would result in the pregnant
- 24 patient's death.
- 25 (e) A patient advocate may make a decision to withhold or
- 26 withdraw treatment that would allow a patient to die only if the
- 27 patient has expressed in a clear and convincing manner that the

- 1 patient advocate is authorized to make such a decision, and that
- 2 the patient acknowledges that such a decision could or would
- 3 allow the patient's death.
- 4 (f) A patient advocate may choose to have the patient placed
- 5 under hospice care.
- 6 (g) A patient advocate under this section shall not delegate
- 7 his or her powers to another individual without prior
- 8 authorization by the patient.
- 9 (h) With regard to mental health treatment decisions, the
- 10 patient advocate shall only consent to the forced administration
- 11 of medication or to inpatient hospitalization, other than
- 12 hospitalization as a formal voluntary patient under section 415
- 13 of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1415, if the
- 14 patient has expressed in a clear and convincing manner that the
- 15 patient advocate is authorized to consent to that treatment. If
- 16 a patient is hospitalized as a formal voluntary patient under an
- 17 application executed by his or her patient advocate, the patient
- 18 retains the right to terminate the hospitalization under section
- 19 419 of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1419.
- 20 (2) A patient advocate designation is suspended when the
- 21 patient regains the ability to participate in decisions regarding
- 22 medical treatment -decisions or mental health treatment, as
- 23 applicable. The suspension is effective as long as the patient
- 24 is able to participate in -medical treatment those decisions.
- 25 If the patient subsequently is determined under section 5508 or
- 26 5515 to be unable to participate in decisions regarding medical
- 27 treatment -decisions or mental health treatment, as applicable,

- 1 the patient advocate's authority, rights, responsibilities, and
- 2 limitations are again effective.
- 3 Sec. 5510. (1) A patient advocate designation is revoked by
- 4 1 or more of the following:
- 5 (a) The patient's death, except that part of the patient
- 6 advocate designation, if any, that authorizes the patient
- 7 advocate to make an anatomical gift of all or part of the
- 8 deceased patient's body in accordance with this act and section
- 9 10102 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.10102.
- 10 (b) An order of removal by the probate court under section
- 11 $\frac{-5511(4)}{}$ 5511(5).
- 12 (c) The patient advocate's resignation or removal by the
- 13 court, unless a successor patient advocate has been designated.
- 14 (d) The patient's revocation of the patient advocate
- 15 designation. —Even—Subject to section 5515, even if the patient
- 16 is unable to participate in medical treatment decisions, a
- 17 patient may revoke a patient advocate designation at any time and
- 18 in any manner by which he or she is able to communicate an intent
- 19 to revoke the patient advocate designation. If there is a
- 20 dispute as to the intent of the patient to revoke the patient
- 21 advocate designation, the court may make a determination on the
- 22 patient's intent to revoke the patient advocate designation. If
- 23 the revocation is not in writing, an individual who witnesses a
- 24 revocation of a patient advocate designation shall describe in
- 25 writing the circumstances of the revocation, must sign the
- 26 writing, and shall notify, if possible, the patient advocate of
- 27 the revocation. If the patient's physician, mental health

- 1 professional, or health facility has notice of the patient's
- 2 revocation of a patient advocate designation, the physician,
- 3 mental health professional, or health facility shall note the
- 4 revocation in the patient's -medical- records and bedside chart
- 5 and -must shall notify the patient advocate.
- 6 (e) A subsequent patient advocate designation that revokes
- 7 the prior patient advocate designation either expressly or by
- 8 inconsistency.
- 9 (f) The occurrence of a provision for revocation contained in
- 10 the patient advocate designation.
- 11 (g) If a patient advocate designation is executed during a
- 12 patient's marriage naming the patient's spouse as the patient
- 13 advocate, the patient advocate designation is suspended during
- 14 the pendency of an action for separate maintenance, annulment, or
- 15 divorce and is revoked upon the entry of a judgment of separate
- 16 maintenance, annulment, or divorce, unless the patient has named
- 17 a successor individual to serve as a patient advocate. If a
- 18 successor patient advocate is named, that individual acts as the
- 19 patient advocate.
- 20 (2) The revocation of a patient advocate designation under
- 21 subsection (1) does not revoke or terminate the agency as to the
- 22 patient advocate or other person who acts in good faith under the
- 23 patient advocate designation and without actual knowledge of the
- 24 revocation. Unless the action is otherwise invalid or
- 25 unenforceable, an action taken without knowledge of the
- 26 revocation binds the patient and his or her heirs, devisees, and
- 27 personal representatives. A sworn statement executed by the

- 1 patient advocate stating that, at the time of doing an act in
- 2 accordance with the patient advocate designation, he or she did
- 3 not have actual knowledge of the revocation of the patient
- 4 advocate designation is, in the absence of fraud, conclusive
- 5 proof that the patient advocate did not have actual knowledge of
- 6 the revocation at the time of the act.
- 7 Sec. 5511. (1) Irrespective of a previously expressed or
- 8 evidenced desire, a current desire by a patient to have provided,
- 9 and not withheld or withdrawn, a specific life-extending care,
- 10 custody, or medical treatment is binding on the patient advocate,
- 11 if known by the patient advocate, regardless of the then ability
- 12 or inability of the patient to participate in care, custody, or
- 13 medical treatment decisions or the patient's competency.
- 14 (2) A person providing, performing, withholding, or
- 15 withdrawing care, custody, or medical or mental health treatment
- 16 as a result of the decision of an individual who is reasonably
- 17 believed to be a patient advocate and who is reasonably believed
- 18 to be acting within the authority granted by the designation is
- 19 liable in the same manner and to the same extent as if the
- 20 patient had made the decision on his or her own behalf.
- 21 (3) A person providing care, custody, or medical or mental
- 22 health treatment to a patient is bound by sound medical or, if
- 23 applicable, mental health treatment practice and by a patient
- 24 advocate's instructions if the patient advocate complies with
- 25 sections 5506 to -5512 5515, but is not bound by the patient
- 26 advocate's instructions if the patient advocate does not comply
- 27 with these sections.

- 1 (4) A mental health professional who provides mental health
- 2 treatment to a patient shall comply with the desires of the
- 3 patient as expressed in the designation. If 1 or more of the
- 4 following apply to a desire of the patient as expressed in the
- 5 designation, the mental health professional is not bound to
- 6 follow that desire, but shall follow the patient's other desires
- 7 as expressed in the designation:
- 8 (a) In the opinion of the mental health professional,
- 9 compliance is not consistent with generally accepted community
- 10 practice standards of treatment.
- 11 (b) The treatment requested is not reasonably available.
- 12 (c) Compliance is not consistent with applicable law.
- 13 (d) Compliance is not consistent with court-ordered
- 14 treatment.
- 15 (e) In the opinion of the mental health professional, there
- 16 is a psychiatric emergency endangering the life of the patient or
- 17 another individual and compliance is not appropriate under the
- 18 circumstances.
- 19 (5) -(4) If a dispute arises as to whether a patient
- 20 advocate is acting consistent with the patient's best interests
- 21 or is not complying with sections 5506 to -5512 5515, a petition
- 22 may be filed with the court in the county in which the patient
- 23 resides or is found located requesting the court's
- 24 determination as to the continuation of the designation or the
- 25 removal of the patient advocate.
- Sec. 5512. (1) A patient advocate cannot make a medical
- 27 treatment decision under the authority of or under the process

- 1 created by this section and sections 5506 to 5511 to withhold or
- 2 withdraw treatment from a pregnant patient that would result in
- 3 the pregnant patient's death.
- 4 (2) A health care provider shall not require a patient
- 5 advocate designation to be executed as a condition of providing,
- 6 withholding, or withdrawing care, custody, or medical or mental
- 7 health treatment.
- 8 (3) A life or health insurer shall not do any of the
- 9 following because of the execution or implementation of a patient
- 10 advocate designation or because of the failure or refusal to
- 11 execute or implement such a designation:
- 12 (a) Refuse to provide or continue coverage to the patient.
- 13 (b) Limit the amount of coverage available to a patient.
- 14 (c) Charge a patient a different rate.
- 15 (d) Consider the terms of an existing policy of life or
- 16 health insurance to have been breached or modified.
- 17 (e) Invoke a suicide or intentional death exemption or
- 18 exclusion in a policy covering the patient.
- 19 (4) A patient advocate designation shall not be construed to
- 20 condone, allow, permit, authorize, or approve suicide or
- 21 homicide.
- 22 (5) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3), -this
- 23 section and sections 5506 to -5511 5515 only apply to or affect
- 24 an individual who has executed a patient advocate designation or
- 25 an individual acting for or on behalf of another individual who
- 26 has executed a patient advocate designation.
- 27 (6) Nothing in this section or sections 5506 to 5511 5515

- 1 shall be considered to authorize or compel care, custody, or
- 2 medical or mental health treatment decisions for a patient who
- 3 objects on religious grounds.
- 4 (7) A designation executed before the effective date of this
- 5 section with the intent of accomplishing a similar purpose as
- 6 this section is valid but is subject to -this section, section
- 7 5506(1) \rightarrow and sections 5507 to \rightarrow 5515; must be in writing,
- 8 signed, witnessed or notarized, dated, and executed voluntarily;
- 9 and, before its implementation, must be made part of the
- 10 patient's medical or, as applicable, mental health treatment
- 11 record.
- 12 Sec. 5515. (1) A patient may waive the right to revoke a
- 13 patient advocate designation as to the power to exercise mental
- 14 health treatment decisions by making the waiver as part of the
- 15 document containing the designation. However, mental health
- 16 treatment provided to a patient under a designation in which the
- 17 patient has waived his or her right to revoke shall not continue
- 18 for more than 30 consecutive days, and the waiver does not affect
- 19 the patient's rights under section 419 of the mental health code,
- 20 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1419.
- 21 (2) A patient advocate may exercise the power to make mental
- 22 health treatment decisions only if a physician and a mental
- 23 health practitioner both certify, in writing and after
- 24 examination of the patient, that the patient is unable to give
- 25 informed consent to mental health treatment. The patient may, in
- 26 the document containing the patient advocate designation,
- 27 designate a physician, a mental health practitioner, or both, to

- 1 make the determination under this subsection. If a physician or
- 2 mental health practitioner designated by the patient is unable or
- 3 unwilling to conduct the examination and make the determination
- 4 required by this subsection within a reasonable time, the
- 5 examination and determination shall be made by another physician
- 6 or mental health practitioner, as applicable.
- 7 Sec. 5520. A legally incapacitated individual who has a
- 8 guardian with responsibility for making medical or mental health
- 9 treatment decisions cannot then designate another individual to
- 10 make medical or mental health treatment decisions for the legally
- 11 incapacitated individual.
- 12 Enacting section 1. Section 5513 of the estates and
- 13 protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.5513, is
- 14 repealed.
- 15 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take
- 16 effect unless all of the following bills of the 92nd Legislature
- 17 are enacted into law:
- 18 (a) Senate Bill No. 1465.
- 19 (b) Senate Bill No. 1466.
- 20 (c) Senate Bill No. 1467.
- 21 (d) Senate Bill No. 1468.
- 22 (e) Senate Bill No. 1469.
- 23 (f) Senate Bill No. 1470.
- 24 (q) Senate Bill No. 1471.
- 25 (h) Senate Bill No. 1472.