

**AGE OF MAJORITY ACT OF 1971**  
**Act 79 of 1971**

AN ACT to define the age of majority or legal age and to prescribe and define the duties, liabilities, responsibilities, rights and legal capacity of persons 18 or more years of age.

**History:** 1971, Act 79, Eff. Jan. 1, 1972.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**722.51 Short title.**

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Age of Majority Act of 1971”.

**History:** 1971, Act 79, Eff. Jan. 1, 1972.

**722.52 Adult of legal age; support payments for person 18 years of age or older.**

Sec. 2. (1) Except as otherwise provided in the state constitution of 1963 and subsection (2), notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a person who is at least 18 years of age on or after January 1, 1972, is an adult of legal age for all purposes whatsoever, and shall have the same duties, liabilities, responsibilities, rights, and legal capacity as persons heretofore acquired at 21 years of age.

(2) A court may order support payments for a person 18 years of age or older as provided in 1 or more of the following:

(a) Chapter 84 of the revised statutes of 1846, being sections 552.1 to 552.45 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(b) The child custody act of 1970, Act No. 91 of the Public Acts of 1970, being sections 722.21 to 722.29 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(c) The family support act, Act No. 138 of the Public Acts of 1966, being sections 552.451 to 552.459 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(d) The paternity act, Act No. 205 of the Public Acts of 1956, being sections 722.711 to 722.730 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(e) Act No. 293 of the Public Acts of 1968, being sections 722.1 to 722.6 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

**History:** 1971, Act 79, Eff. Jan. 1, 1972;—Am. 1990, Act 104, Eff. Oct. 10, 1990.

**Compiler's note:** In subsection (2)(a), the phrase “revised statutes of 1846” evidently should read “Revised Statutes of 1846.”

**722.53 Superseded laws.**

Sec. 3. This act supersedes all provisions of law prescribing duties, liabilities, responsibilities, rights and legal capacity of persons 18 years of age through 20 years of age different from persons 21 years of age, including but not limited to the following enumerated public acts:

Sections 2 and 6 of Act No. 372 of the Public Acts of 1927, as amended, being sections 28.422 and 28.426 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

Section 1 of Act No. 53 of the Public Acts of 1921, being section 41.501 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

Section 107 of chapter 14 of the Revised Statutes of 1846, as amended, being section 55.107 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

Section 69 of Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, being section 211.69 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

Sections 305 and 310a of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, as amended, being sections 257.305 and 257.310a of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

Sections 9a and 44 of Act No. 151 of the Public Acts of 1923, as amended, being sections 330.19a and 330.54 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

Section 55b of Act No. 280 of the Public Acts of 1939, as amended, being section 400.55b of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

Section 823 of Act No. 317 of the Public Acts of 1969, being section 418.823 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

Section 12 of Act No. 27 of the Public Acts of 1959, as amended, being section 431.42 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

Sections 33, 33a and 33b of Act No. 8 of the Public Acts of the Extra Session of 1933, as amended, being sections 436.33, 436.33a and 436.33b of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

Section 1 of Act No. 160 of the Public Acts of 1919, being section 551.251 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

Sections 1 to 4, 6, 7 and 9 of Act No. 172 of the Public Acts of 1959, as amended, being sections 554.451 to 554.454, 554.456, 554.457 and 554.459 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

Sections 15 and 29 of chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes of 1846, being sections 558.15 and 558.29 of the

Compiled Laws of 1948.

Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, as amended, being sections 600.101 to 600.9930 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

Act No. 288 of the Public Acts of 1939, as amended, being sections 701.1 to 713.6 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

Act No. 293 of the Public Acts of 1968, being sections 722.1 to 722.6 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

Sections 1 to 3 of Act No. 31 of the Public Acts of 1915, being sections 722.641 to 722.643 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

Sections 28, 141, 141a, 141c, 141d, 142, 243a to 243e and 345 of Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended, being sections 750.28, 750.141, 750.141a, 750.141c, 750.141d, 750.142, 750.243a to 750.243e and 750.345 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

Act No. 186 of the Public Acts of 1959, being sections 752.891 and 752.892 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

Section 10 of chapter 6 of Act No. 175 of the Public Acts of 1927, being section 766.10 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

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#### **722.54 Saving clause.**

Sec. 4. This act does not impair or affect any act done, offense committed or right accruing, accrued or acquired, or a liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred before this act takes effect, but the same may be enjoyed, asserted and enforced, as fully and to the same extent as if this act had not been passed. Such proceedings may be consummated under and in accordance with the law in force at the time the proceedings are or were commenced. Proceedings pending at the effective date of this act and proceedings instituted thereafter for any act, offense committed, right accruing, accrued or acquired, or liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred before the effective date of this act may be continued or instituted under and in accordance with the law in force at the time of the commission of the act, offense committed, right accruing, accrued or acquired, or liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred.

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#### **722.55 Effective date.**

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect January 1, 1972.

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