

HOUSE BILL No. 5726

February 13, 2008, Introduced by Reps. Meadows, Miller, Robert Jones, Constan, LeBlanc, Moss, Vagnozzi, Alma Smith, Melton, Hammel, Polidori, Brown, Young, Ebli, Valentine, Cushingberry, Bauer, Leland, Jackson, Johnson, Sak, Hopgood, Corriveau, Angerer, Warren, Bennett, Hammon, Tobocman, Espinoza, Mayes, Spade, Gonzales, Griffin, Lemmons, Wojno, Dean, Bieda, Byrnes, Byrum, McDowell, Lahti, Sheltroun, Condino, Kathleen Law, Donigan, Rick Jones, Brandenburg, Wenke, Emmons, Shaffer, Caul and Huizenga and referred to the Committee on Senior Health, Security, and Retirement.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled
"The social welfare act,"
by amending section 11a (MCL 400.11a), as amended by 1990 PA 122.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 11a. (1) A person who is employed, licensed, registered,
2 or certified to provide health care, educational, social welfare,
3 mental health, or other human services; an employee of an agency
4 licensed to provide health care, educational, social welfare,
5 mental health, or other human services; a law enforcement officer;
6 **AN EMPLOYEE OF A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION;** or an employee of the
7 office of the county medical examiner who suspects or has
8 reasonable cause to believe that an adult has been abused,

1 neglected, or exploited shall make immediately, by telephone or
2 otherwise, an oral report to the county department ~~of social~~
3 ~~services~~ of the county in which the abuse, neglect, or exploitation
4 is suspected of having or believed to have occurred. After making
5 the oral report, the reporting person may file a written report
6 with the county department. A person described in this subsection
7 who is also required to make a report ~~pursuant to~~ **UNDER** section
8 21771 of the public health code, ~~Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of~~
9 ~~1978, as amended, being section 333.21771 of the Michigan Compiled~~
10 ~~Laws 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.21771,~~ and who makes that report is not
11 required to make a duplicate report to the county department ~~of~~
12 ~~social services~~ under this section.

13 (2) A report made by a physician or other licensed health
14 professional ~~pursuant to~~ **UNDER** subsection (1) shall not be
15 considered a violation of any legally recognized privileged
16 communication or a violation of article 15 of the public health
17 code, ~~Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, being sections~~
18 ~~333.16101 to 333.18838 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1978 PA 368,~~
19 **MCL 333.16101 TO 333.18838.**

20 (3) In addition to those persons required to make an oral
21 report under subsection (1), any person who suspects that an adult
22 has been abused, neglected, or exploited may make a report to the
23 county department ~~of social services~~ of the county in which the
24 abuse, neglect, or exploitation is suspected of having occurred.

25 (4) A report made under this section shall contain the name of
26 the adult and a description of the abuse, neglect, or exploitation.
27 If possible, the report shall contain the adult's age and the names

1 and addresses of the adult's guardian or next of kin, and of the
2 persons with whom the adult resides, including their relationship
3 to the adult. The report shall contain other information available
4 to the reporting person that may establish the cause of the abuse,
5 neglect, or exploitation and the manner in which the abuse,
6 neglect, or exploitation occurred or is occurring. The county
7 department shall reduce to writing the information provided in an
8 oral report received ~~pursuant to~~ **UNDER** this section.

9 (5) The county department shall report to a police agency any
10 criminal activity that it believes to be occurring, upon receipt of
11 the oral report.

12 (6) This section shall not be construed as limiting the
13 responsibilities of the police agency of a local unit of government
14 to enforce the laws of this state or as precluding the police
15 agency from reporting and investigating, as appropriate, alleged
16 criminal conduct.

17 (7) **AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "FINANCIAL INSTITUTION" MEANS A**
18 **STATE OR NATIONALLY CHARTERED BANK OR A STATE OR FEDERALLY**
19 **CHARTERED SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS BANK, OR CREDIT**
20 **UNION THAT MAINTAINS A PRINCIPAL OFFICE OR BRANCH IN THIS STATE.**