HOUSE BILL No. 5523

March 24, 2016, Introduced by Reps. Forlini, Kelly, Lane and Hughes and referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled

"Michigan vehicle code,"

by amending section 618 (MCL 257.618), as amended by 2005 PA 3.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 618. (1) The driver of a vehicle who knows or who has 1 2 reason to believe that he OR SHE has been involved in an accident 3 upon public or private property that is open to travel by the public shall immediately stop his or her vehicle at the scene of 4 the accident and shall remain there until the requirements of 5 6 section 619 are fulfilled or immediately report the accident to the nearest or most convenient police agency or officer to fulfill the 7 requirements of section 619(a) and (b) if there is a reasonable and 8 honest belief that remaining at the scene will result in further 10 harm. The stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more than 11 is necessary.

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- 1 (2) IN A PROCEEDING FOR A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (1), PROOF
- 2 THAT THE PARTICULAR VEHICLE DESCRIBED IN THE CITATION, COMPLAINT,
- 3 OR WARRANT WAS USED IN THE VIOLATION, TOGETHER WITH PROOF THAT THE
- 4 DEFENDANT NAMED IN THE CITATION, COMPLAINT, OR WARRANT WAS THE
- 5 REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION,
- 6 CONSTITUTES A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION THAT THE REGISTERED OWNER OF
- 7 THE VEHICLE WAS THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE
- 8 VIOLATION.
- 9 (3) (2) If an individual violates the requirements of
- 10 subsection (1) and the accident results in damage to a vehicle
- 11 operated by or attended by any individual, the individual is guilty
- 12 of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90
- 13 days or a fine of not more than \$100.00, or both.1 OR MORE OF THE
- 14 FOLLOWING:
- 15 (A) IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 90 DAYS.
- 16 (B) A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$100.00.
- 17 (C) COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR NOT MORE THAN 100 HOURS.
- 18 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
- 19 after the date it is enacted into law.