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**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
100TH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2019**

Introduced by Senators Runestad, Lucido, Ananich, Barrett and MacDonald

## **ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 23**

AN ACT to prohibit the theft of mail; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “mail and mail depository protection act”.

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) “Mail” means a letter, postal card, package, bag, or any other article or thing contained therein, or other sealed article addressed to a person.

(b) “Person” means an individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, association, or other legal entity.

Sec. 3. (1) A person shall not take, hold, conceal, or destroy mail addressed to another person with the intent to defraud any person or deprive the person to whom the mail was addressed of the mail.

(2) A person who violates this section is guilty of a crime punishable as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (b), the person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.

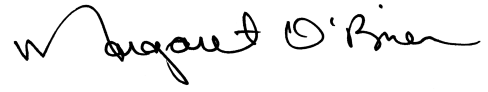
(b) If the violation is a second or subsequent violation of this section, the person is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5 years or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

(3) This section applies whether a person whose mail is obtained, or attempted to be obtained, if the person is an individual, in violation of this section is alive or deceased at the time of the violation.

(4) This section does not prohibit a person from being charged with, convicted of, or sentenced for any other violation of law committed by that person using mail obtained in violation of this section or any other violation of law committed by that person while violating or attempting to violate this section.

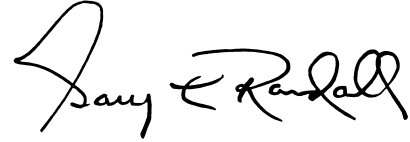
Enacting section 1. This act takes effect 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



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Secretary of the Senate



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Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Governor