

# SENATE BILL No. 650

September 20, 2001, Introduced by Senators HART, BYRUM and SMITH and referred to the Committee on Human Resources and Labor.

A bill to amend 1972 PA 230, entitled  
"Stille-DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act,"  
(MCL 125.1501 to 125.1531) by adding section 13e.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 13E. (1) IN PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION USING  
2 BLEACHER SEATING, ALL BLEACHERS OR BLEACHER OPEN SPACES OVER 55  
3 INCHES ABOVE GRADE OR THE FLOOR BELOW, AND ALL BLEACHER GUARD-  
4 RAILS IF ANY PART OF THE GUARDRAIL IS OVER 30 INCHES ABOVE GRADE  
5 OR THE FLOOR BELOW, SHALL CONFORM TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING SAFETY  
6 REQUIREMENTS:

7        (A) THE OPEN SPACE BETWEEN BLEACHER FOOTBOARDS, SEATS, AND  
8 GUARDRAILS SHALL NOT EXCEED 4 INCHES, UNLESS APPROVED SAFETY NETS  
9 ARE INSTALLED, EXCEPT THAT RETRACTABLE BLEACHERS ALREADY IN PLACE  
10 AS OF JANUARY 1, 2002 MAY HAVE OPEN SPACES NOT EXCEEDING 9  
11 INCHES.

1 (B) BLEACHERS SHALL HAVE VERTICAL PERIMETER GUARDRAILS WITH  
2 NO MORE THAN 4-INCH RAIL SPACING BETWEEN VERTICAL RAILS OR OTHER  
3 APPROVED GUARDRAILS THAT ADDRESS CLIMBABILITY AND ARE DESIGNED TO  
4 PREVENT ACCIDENTS.

5 (C) THE DIRECTOR SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE SAFETY NETS AND  
6 GUARDRAIL CLIMBABILITY MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.  
7 ALL NEW BLEACHERS MANUFACTURED, INSTALLED, SOLD, OR DISTRIBUTED  
8 AFTER JANUARY 1, 2002 SHALL COMPLY WITH THE CODE AND THIS  
9 SECTION.

10 (2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO TEMPORARILY INSTALLED  
11 BLEACHERS.