

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 6019

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
by amending section 21771 (MCL 333.21771).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 21771. (1) A licensee, nursing home administrator, or
2 employee of a nursing home shall not physically, mentally, or
3 emotionally abuse, mistreat, or harmfully neglect a patient.

4 (2) A nursing home employee who becomes aware of an act
5 prohibited by this section immediately shall report the matter to
6 the nursing home administrator or nursing director **AND TO THE**
7 **DEPARTMENT**. A nursing home administrator or nursing director who
8 becomes aware of an act prohibited by this section immediately
9 shall report the matter by telephone to the department. ~~of public~~
10 ~~health, which in turn shall notify the department of social~~
11 ~~services.~~

1 (3) Any person may report a violation of this section to the
2 department.

3 (4) A physician or other licensed health care personnel of a
4 hospital or other health care facility to which a patient is
5 transferred who becomes aware of an act prohibited by this section
6 shall report the act to the department.

7 (5) Upon receipt of a report made under this section, the
8 department shall make an investigation. The department may require
9 the person making the report to submit a written report or to
10 supply additional information, or both.

11 (6) A licensee or nursing home administrator shall not evict,
12 harass, dismiss, or retaliate against a patient, a patient's
13 representative, or an employee who makes a report under this
14 section.