

# SENATE BILL No. 991

December 11, 2007, Introduced by Senators CROPSEY, GEORGE, GARCIA and BIRKHOLZ and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled  
"Revised judiciary act of 1961,"  
(MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding section 1350a.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           **SEC. 1350A. IN ANY CIVIL OR CRIMINAL JURY TRIAL, ALL OF THE**  
2 **FOLLOWING APPLY:**

3           **(A) THE COURT SHALL INSTRUCT THE JURY ON THE APPLICABLE LAW**  
4 **BEFORE THE JURY HEARS THE CLOSING ARGUMENTS IN THE CASE.**

5           **(B) THE COURT SHALL ALLOW JURORS TO MAKE WRITTEN NOTES DURING**  
6 **THE TRIAL.**

7           **(C) BEFORE A RECESS OR OTHER DELAY OCCURS IN THE TRIAL, THE**  
8 **COURT, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, SHALL INFORM THE JURY AS TO THE EXPECTED**  
9 **LENGTH OF THE RECESS OR DELAY.**