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**Introduced by Senators Bieda, Schuitmaker, Emmons, Colbeck, Rocca, Young, Nofs, Jones, Hansen,
Hildenbrand, Proos and Kahn**

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 462

AN ACT to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to provide for the levy of taxes against certain health facilities or agencies; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to provide for an appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," by amending section 21771 (MCL 333.21771).

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

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

(2) A nursing home employee who has reasonable suspicion of an act prohibited by this section shall report the suspicion to the nursing home administrator or nursing director and to the department in the manner required by subsection (8). A nursing home administrator or nursing director who has reasonable suspicion of an act prohibited by this section shall report the suspicion by telephone to the department and 1 or more law enforcement entities in the manner required by subsection (8).

(3) Any individual may report a violation of this section to the department.

(4) A physician or other licensed health care personnel of a hospital or other health care facility to which a patient is transferred who has reasonable suspicion of an act prohibited by this section shall report the suspicion to the department and 1 or more law enforcement entities in the manner required by subsection (8).

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

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

(7) An individual required to report an act or a reasonable suspicion under subsections (2) to (4) is not required to report the act or suspicion to the department or 1 or more local law enforcement entities if the individual knows that another individual has already reported the act or suspicion as required by this section.

(8) An individual required to report a reasonable suspicion of an act prohibited by this section shall report the suspicion as follows:

(a) If the act that causes the suspicion results in serious bodily injury to the patient, the individual shall report the suspicion immediately, but not more than 2 hours after forming the suspicion.

(b) If the act that causes the suspicion does not result in serious bodily injury to the patient, the individual shall report the suspicion not more than 24 hours after forming the suspicion.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Carol Morey Viventi

Secretary of the Senate

Sam E. Randall

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved

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Governor