

HOUSE BILL No. 5560

April 24, 2012, Introduced by Reps. Shaughnessy, Haugh, Kowall, Genetski, Cotter, Opsommer, Poleski, Haines, Tyler, Franz, Pettalia, Muxlow, Goike, MacGregor, Outman, McMillin, Rendon, Walsh, Jacobsen, Agema, Kurtz, Jenkins, Hooker, Yonker, Pscholka, Gilbert, Hughes, Wayne Schmidt, Bumstead, LaFontaine, Haveman and Lori and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled
"The Michigan penal code,"
by amending section 169 (MCL 750.169).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 169. ~~(1) Disturbance of religious meetings Any person~~
2 ~~who, on the first day of the week, or at any other time, shall~~
3 ~~wilfully interrupt or disturb any assembly of people met for the~~
4 ~~worship of God, within the place of such meeting or out of it,~~
5 ~~shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.~~ A PERSON SHALL NOT DO ANY OF THE
6 FOLLOWING:

7 (A) ENTER OR ATTEMPT TO ENTER ANY PRIVATE PROPERTY WHERE THE
8 PERSON KNOWS PEOPLE ARE MEETING OR ARE INTENDING TO MEET IN THE
9 PURSUIT OF THEIR FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION WITH THE INTENT TO
10 DISRUPT THAT MEETING.

11 (B) AFTER BEING INSTRUCTED TO LEAVE, REMAIN ON OR ATTEMPT TO

1 REMAIN ON ANY PRIVATE PROPERTY WHERE THE PERSON KNOWS PEOPLE ARE
2 MEETING OR ARE INTENDING TO MEET IN THE PURSUIT OF THEIR FREE
3 EXERCISE OF RELIGION WITH THE INTENT TO DISRUPT THAT MEETING.

4 (C) INTENTIONALLY OBSTRUCT OR ATTEMPT TO OBSTRUCT THE ENTRANCE
5 TO OR EXIT FROM ANY PRIVATE PROPERTY WHERE THE PERSON KNOWS PEOPLE
6 ARE MEETING OR ARE INTENDING TO MEET IN THE PURSUIT OF THEIR FREE
7 EXERCISE OF RELIGION WITH THE INTENT TO DISRUPT OR PREVENT THAT
8 MEETING.

9 (2) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A
10 MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE AS FOLLOWS:

11 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (B), BY 1 OR MORE OF THE
12 FOLLOWING:

13 (i) IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 93 DAYS.

14 (ii) A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00.

15 (iii) NOT MORE THAN 100 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

16 (B) IF THE PERSON HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONVICTED OF VIOLATING
17 THIS SECTION, BY 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

18 (i) IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 93 DAYS.

19 (ii) A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000.00.

20 (iii) NOT MORE THAN 200 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

21 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect September
22 1, 2012.