

# SENATE BILL No. 704

September 27, 2011, Introduced by Senator MEEKHOF and referred to the Committee on Reforms, Restructuring and Reinventing.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 176, entitled

"An act to create a commission relative to labor disputes, and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for the mediation and arbitration of labor disputes, and the holding of elections thereon; to regulate the conduct of parties to labor disputes and to require the parties to follow certain procedures; to regulate and limit the right to strike and picket; to protect the rights and privileges of employees, including the right to organize and engage in lawful concerted activities; to protect the rights and privileges of employers; to make certain acts unlawful; and to prescribe means of enforcement and penalties for violations of this act,"

by amending section 9f (MCL 423.9f).

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 9f. (1) ~~It shall be unlawful (1) for any person or~~  
2 ~~persons to hinder~~ **A PERSON SHALL NOT DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

3       **(A) HINDER** or prevent by ~~mass picketing,~~ **MASS PICKETING,**  
4 unlawful threats, or force, the pursuit of any lawful work or

1 employment. , ~~(2) to obstruct~~

2 (B) OBSTRUCT or interfere with entrance to or egress from any  
3 place of employment. , ~~(3) to obstruct~~

4 (C) OBSTRUCT or interfere with free and uninterrupted use of  
5 public roads, streets, highways, railways, airports, or other ways  
6 of travel or conveyance. , ~~or (4) to engage~~

7 (D) ENGAGE in picketing a private residence by any means or  
8 methods whatever.  ~~: Provided, That picketing, to the extent that~~  
9 ~~the same is authorized under constitutional provisions, shall in no~~  
10 ~~manner be prohibited. Violation of this section shall be a~~  
11 ~~misdemeanor and punishable as such.~~ THE PROHIBITION IN THIS  
12 SUBDIVISION DOES NOT EXTEND TO PICKETING THAT IS AUTHORIZED UNDER  
13 THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION OR THE STATE CONSTITUTION OF 1963.

14 (2) AN EMPLOYER OR OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY THAT IS SUBJECT TO  
15 AN ACTIVITY PROHIBITED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) MAY BRING AN ACTION TO  
16 ENJOIN THE PROHIBITED ACTIVITY IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY  
17 IN WHICH THE AFFECTED EMPLOYER, PERSON, OR ENTITY IS LOCATED. A  
18 COURT HAVING JURISDICTION OF AN ACTION BROUGHT UNDER THIS  
19 SUBSECTION SHALL GRANT INJUNCTIVE RELIEF IF THE COURT FINDS THAT  
20 ANY PERSON, UNION, OR ORGANIZATION HAS ENGAGED OR IS ENGAGING IN  
21 ANY OF THE CONDUCT PROHIBITED UNDER SUBSECTION (1), WITHOUT REGARD  
22 TO THE EXISTENCE OF OTHER REMEDIES, DEMONSTRATION OF IRREPARABLE  
23 HARM, OR OTHER FACTORS. THE COURT SHALL AWARD COURT COSTS AND  
24 REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES TO A PLAINTIFF WHO PREVAILS IN AN ACTION  
25 BROUGHT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

26 (3) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN ORDER OF THE COURT ISSUED UNDER  
27 THIS SECTION MAY BE PUNISHED AS CONTEMPT.

1           (4) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (1) AND HAS PREVIOUSLY  
2 BEEN ENJOINED FOR A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (1) IS SUBJECT TO A  
3 CIVIL FINE OF \$1,000.00 FOR EACH DAY OF THE VIOLATION. IF A UNION  
4 OR ORGANIZATION CONTINUES TO SPONSOR OR ASSIST IN THE PROHIBITED  
5 ACTIVITY IN VIOLATION OF AN INJUNCTION, THE UNION OR ORGANIZATION  
6 IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL FINE OF \$10,000.00 FOR EACH DAY OF THE  
7 VIOLATION. THE CIVIL FINE ASSESSED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE  
8 PAID TO THE COURT, AND UPON A SHOWING OF DAMAGES TO BUSINESS SALES,  
9 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES, OR PROPERTY, THE EMPLOYER, UNION,  
10 ORGANIZATION, OR OTHER ENTITY THAT WAS THE SUBJECT OF THE ACTIVITY  
11 PROHIBITED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) SHALL BE COMPENSATED FROM THE  
12 PAYMENT MADE TO THE COURT.

13           (5) AN EMPLOYER THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF PICKETING MAY OBTAIN  
14 INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AGAINST PICKETERS WITHOUT A SHOWING OF  
15 IRREPARABLE HARM IF THE COURT FINDS THE PICKETING TO BE IN  
16 VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (1).