

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5660**

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled  
"The Michigan penal code,"  
by amending section 145c (MCL 750.145c), as amended by 2012 PA 583.

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

1           Sec. 145c. (1) As used in this section:

2           (a) "Access" means to intentionally cause to be viewed by or  
3 transmitted to a person.

4           (b) "Appears to include a child" means that the depiction  
5 appears to include, or conveys the impression that it includes, a  
6 person who is less than 18 years of age, and the depiction meets  
7 either of the following conditions:

8           (i) It was created using a depiction of any part of an actual  
9 person under the age of 18.

10           (ii) It was not created using a depiction of any part of an

1 actual person under the age of 18, but all of the following apply  
2 to that depiction:

3 (A) The average individual, applying contemporary community  
4 standards, would find the depiction, taken as a whole, appeals to  
5 the prurient interest.

6 (B) The reasonable person would find the depiction, taken as a  
7 whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific  
8 value.

9 (C) The depiction depicts or describes a listed sexual act in  
10 a patently offensive way.

11 (c) "Child" means a person who is less than 18 years of age,  
12 subject to the affirmative defense created in subsection ~~(6)~~-(7)  
13 regarding persons emancipated by operation of law.

14 (d) "Commercial film or photographic print processor" means a  
15 person or his or her employee who, for compensation, develops  
16 exposed photographic film into movie films, negatives, slides, or  
17 prints; makes prints from negatives or slides; or duplicates movie  
18 films or videotapes.

19 (e) "Computer technician" means a person who installs,  
20 maintains, troubleshoots, upgrades, or repairs computer hardware,  
21 software, personal computer networks, or peripheral equipment.

22 (f) "Contemporary community standards" means the customary  
23 limits of candor and decency in this state at or near the time of  
24 the alleged violation of this section.

25 (g) "Erotic fondling" means touching a person's clothed or  
26 unclothed genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or, if the person is  
27 female, breasts, or if the person is a child, the developing or

1 undeveloped breast area, for the purpose of real or simulated overt  
2 sexual gratification or stimulation of 1 or more of the persons  
3 involved. Erotic fondling does not include physical contact, even  
4 if affectionate, that is not for the purpose of real or simulated  
5 overt sexual gratification or stimulation of 1 or more of the  
6 persons involved.

7 (h) "Erotic nudity" means the lascivious exhibition of the  
8 genital, pubic, or rectal area of any person. As used in this  
9 subdivision, "lascivious" means wanton, lewd, and lustful and  
10 tending to produce voluptuous or lewd emotions.

11 (i) "Listed sexual act" means sexual intercourse, erotic  
12 fondling, sadomasochistic abuse, masturbation, passive sexual  
13 involvement, sexual excitement, or erotic nudity.

14 (j) "Make" means to bring into existence by copying, shaping,  
15 changing, or combining material, and specifically includes, but is  
16 not limited to, intentionally creating a reproduction, copy, or  
17 print of child sexually abusive material, in whole or part. Make  
18 does not include the creation of an identical reproduction or copy  
19 of child sexually abusive material within the same digital storage  
20 device or the same piece of digital storage media.

21 (k) "Masturbation" means the real or simulated touching,  
22 rubbing, or otherwise stimulating of a person's own clothed or  
23 unclothed genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or, if the person is  
24 female, breasts, or if the person is a child, the developing or  
25 undeveloped breast area, either by manual manipulation or self-  
26 induced or with an artificial instrument, for the purpose of real  
27 or simulated overt sexual gratification or arousal of the person.

1           (l) "Passive sexual involvement" means an act, real or  
2 simulated, that exposes another person to or draws another person's  
3 attention to an act of sexual intercourse, erotic fondling,  
4 sadomasochistic abuse, masturbation, sexual excitement, or erotic  
5 nudity because of viewing any of these acts or because of the  
6 proximity of the act to that person, for the purpose of real or  
7 simulated overt sexual gratification or stimulation of 1 or more of  
8 the persons involved.

9           (m) "Prurient interest" means a shameful or morbid interest in  
10 nudity, sex, or excretion.

11           (n) "Child sexually abusive activity" means a child engaging  
12 in a listed sexual act.

13           (o) "Child sexually abusive material" means any depiction,  
14 whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means,  
15 including a developed or undeveloped photograph, picture, film,  
16 slide, video, electronic visual image, computer diskette, computer  
17 or computer-generated image, or picture, or sound recording which  
18 is of a child or appears to include a child engaging in a listed  
19 sexual act; a book, magazine, computer, computer storage device, or  
20 other visual or print or printable medium containing such a  
21 photograph, picture, film, slide, video, electronic visual image,  
22 computer, or computer-generated image, or picture, or sound  
23 recording; or any reproduction, copy, or print of such a  
24 photograph, picture, film, slide, video, electronic visual image,  
25 book, magazine, computer, or computer-generated image, or picture,  
26 other visual or print or printable medium, or sound recording.

27           (p) "Sadomasochistic abuse" means either of the following:

1           (i) Flagellation or torture, real or simulated, for the  
2 purpose of real or simulated sexual stimulation or gratification,  
3 by or upon a person.

4           (ii) The condition, real or simulated, of being fettered,  
5 bound, or otherwise physically restrained for sexual stimulation or  
6 gratification of a person.

7           (q) "Sexual excitement" means the condition, real or  
8 simulated, of human male or female genitals in a state of real or  
9 simulated overt sexual stimulation or arousal.

10          (r) "Sexual intercourse" means intercourse, real or simulated,  
11 whether genital-genital, oral-genital, anal-genital, or oral-anal,  
12 whether between persons of the same or opposite sex or between a  
13 human and an animal, or with an artificial genital.

14          (2) A person who persuades, induces, entices, coerces, causes,  
15 or knowingly allows a child to engage in a child sexually abusive  
16 activity for the purpose of producing any child sexually abusive  
17 material, or a person who arranges for, produces, makes, copies,  
18 reproduces, or finances, or a person who attempts or prepares or  
19 conspires to arrange for, produce, make, copy, reproduce, or  
20 finance any child sexually abusive activity or child sexually  
21 abusive material for personal, distributional, or other purposes ~~is~~  
22 ~~guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 20~~  
23 ~~years, or a fine of not more than \$100,000.00, or both, if that~~  
24 person knows, has reason to know, or should reasonably be expected  
25 to know that the child is a child or that the child sexually  
26 abusive material includes a child or that the depiction  
27 constituting the child sexually abusive material appears to include

1 a child, or that person has not taken reasonable precautions to  
2 determine the age of the child ~~-IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AS FOLLOWS:~~

3 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (B), THE PERSON IS  
4 GUILTY OF A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 20  
5 YEARS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$100,000.00, OR BOTH.

6 (B) IF THE CHILD SEXUALLY ABUSIVE ACTIVITY OR CHILD SEXUALLY  
7 ABUSIVE MATERIAL INVOLVES A PREPUBESCENT CHILD, SADOMASOCHISTIC  
8 ABUSE OR BESTIALITY, OR INCLUDES A VIDEO OR MORE THAN 100 IMAGES OF  
9 CHILD SEXUALLY ABUSIVE MATERIAL, THE PERSON IS GUILTY OF A FELONY  
10 PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 25 YEARS OR A FINE OF  
11 NOT MORE THAN \$125,000.00, OR BOTH.

12 (3) ~~A-EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (14), A person who~~  
13 ~~distributes or promotes, or finances the distribution or promotion~~  
14 ~~of, or receives for the purpose of distributing or promoting, or~~  
15 ~~conspires, attempts, or prepares to distribute, receive, finance,~~  
16 ~~or promote any child sexually abusive material or child sexually~~  
17 ~~abusive activity is guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment~~  
18 ~~for not more than 7 years, or a fine of not more than \$50,000.00,~~  
19 ~~or both, if that person knows, has reason to know, or should~~  
20 ~~reasonably be expected to know that the child is a child or that~~  
21 ~~the child sexually abusive material includes a child or that the~~  
22 ~~depiction constituting the child sexually abusive material appears~~  
23 ~~to include a child, or that person has not taken reasonable~~  
24 ~~precautions to determine the age of the child . This subsection~~  
25 ~~does not apply to the persons described in section 7 of 1984 PA~~  
26 ~~343, MCL 752.367.~~ IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AS FOLLOWS:

27 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (B), THE PERSON IS

1 GUILTY OF A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 7  
2 YEARS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$50,000.00, OR BOTH.

3 (B) IF THE CHILD SEXUALLY ABUSIVE ACTIVITY OR CHILD SEXUALLY  
4 ABUSIVE MATERIAL INVOLVES A PREPUBESCENT CHILD, SADOMASOCHISTIC  
5 ABUSE OR BESTIALITY, OR INCLUDES A VIDEO OR MORE THAN 100 IMAGES OF  
6 CHILD SEXUALLY ABUSIVE MATERIAL, THE PERSON IS GUILTY OF A FELONY  
7 PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 15 YEARS OR A FINE OF  
8 NOT MORE THAN \$75,000.00, OR BOTH.

9 (4) A person who knowingly possesses or knowingly seeks and  
10 accesses any child sexually abusive material ~~is guilty of a felony~~  
11 ~~punishable by imprisonment for not more than 4 years or a fine of~~  
12 ~~not more than \$10,000.00, or both,~~ if that person knows, has reason  
13 to know, or should reasonably be expected to know the child is a  
14 child or that the child sexually abusive material includes a child  
15 or that the depiction constituting the child sexually abusive  
16 material appears to include a child, or that person has not taken  
17 reasonable precautions to determine the age of the child ~~. This~~  
18 ~~subsection~~ IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AS FOLLOWS:

19 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (B) AND SECTION 145G,  
20 THE PERSON IS GUILTY OF A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT  
21 MORE THAN 4 YEARS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$10,000.00, OR BOTH.

22 (B) IF THE CHILD SEXUALLY ABUSIVE ACTIVITY OR CHILD SEXUALLY  
23 ABUSIVE MATERIAL INVOLVES A PREPUBESCENT CHILD, SADOMASOCHISTIC  
24 ABUSE OR BESTIALITY, OR INCLUDES A VIDEO OR MORE THAN 100 IMAGES OF  
25 CHILD SEXUALLY ABUSIVE MATERIAL, THE PERSON IS GUILTY OF A FELONY  
26 PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 10 YEARS OR A FINE OF  
27 NOT MORE THAN \$50,000.00, OR BOTH.

1           **(5) SUBSECTION (4)** does not apply to any of the following:

2           (a) A person described in section 7 of 1984 PA 343, MCL  
3 752.367, a commercial film or photographic print processor acting  
4 under subsection ~~(8)~~, **(9)**, or a computer technician acting under  
5 subsection ~~(9)~~. **(10)**.

6           (b) A police officer acting within the scope of his or her  
7 duties as a police officer.

8           (c) An employee or contract agent of the department of ~~social~~  
9 **HEALTH AND HUMAN** services acting within the scope of his or her  
10 duties as an employee or contract agent.

11           (d) A judicial officer or judicial employee acting within the  
12 scope of his or her duties as a judicial officer or judicial  
13 employee.

14           (e) A party or witness in a criminal or civil proceeding  
15 acting within the scope of that criminal or civil proceeding.

16           (f) A physician, psychologist, limited license psychologist,  
17 professional counselor, or registered nurse licensed under the  
18 public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211, acting  
19 within the scope of practice for which he or she is licensed.

20           (g) A social worker registered in this state under article 15  
21 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838,  
22 acting within the scope of practice for which he or she is  
23 registered.

24           **(6)** ~~(5)~~—Expert testimony as to the age of the child used in a  
25 child sexually abusive material or a child sexually abusive  
26 activity is admissible as evidence in court and may be a legitimate  
27 basis for determining age, if age is not otherwise proven.



1           (7) ~~(6)~~—It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution under  
2 this section that the alleged child is a person who is emancipated  
3 by operation of law under section 4(2) of 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.4,  
4 as proven by a preponderance of the evidence.

5           (8) ~~(7)~~—If a defendant in a prosecution under this section  
6 proposes to offer in his or her defense evidence to establish that  
7 a depiction that appears to include a child was not, in fact,  
8 created using a depiction of any part of an actual person under the  
9 age of 18, the defendant shall at the time of the arraignment on  
10 the information or within 15 days after arraignment but not less  
11 than 10 days before the trial of the case, or at such other time as  
12 the court directs, file and serve upon the prosecuting attorney of  
13 record a notice in writing of his or her intention to offer that  
14 defense. The notice ~~shall~~**MUST** contain, as particularly as is known  
15 to the defendant or the defendant's attorney, the names of  
16 witnesses to be called ~~in~~**ON** behalf of the defendant to establish  
17 that defense. The defendant's notice ~~shall~~**MUST** include specific  
18 information as to the facts that establish that the depiction was  
19 not, in fact, created using a depiction of any part of an actual  
20 person under the age of 18. Failure to file a timely notice in  
21 conformance with this subsection precludes a defendant from  
22 offering this defense.

23           (9) ~~(8)~~—If a commercial film or photographic print processor  
24 reports to a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction his or her  
25 knowledge or observation, within the scope of his or her  
26 professional capacity or employment, of a film, photograph, movie  
27 film, videotape, negative, or slide depicting a person that the

1 processor has reason to know or reason to believe is a child  
2 engaged in a listed sexual act; furnishes a copy of the film,  
3 photograph, movie film, videotape, negative, or slide to a law  
4 enforcement agency having jurisdiction; or keeps the film,  
5 photograph, movie film, videotape, negative, or slide according to  
6 the law enforcement agency's instructions, both of the following  
7 ~~shall~~ apply:

8 (a) The identity of the processor ~~shall~~ **MUST** be confidential,  
9 subject to disclosure only with his or her consent or by judicial  
10 process.

11 (b) If the processor acted in good faith, he or she ~~shall be~~  
12 **IS** immune from civil liability that might otherwise be incurred by  
13 his or her actions. This immunity extends only to acts described in  
14 this subsection.

15 **(10)** ~~(9)~~—If a computer technician reports to a law enforcement  
16 agency having jurisdiction his or her knowledge or observation,  
17 within the scope of his or her professional capacity or employment,  
18 of an electronic visual image, computer-generated image or picture  
19 or sound recording depicting a person that the computer technician  
20 has reason to know or reason to believe is a child engaged in a  
21 listed sexual act; furnishes a copy of that image, picture, or  
22 sound recording to the law enforcement agency; or keeps the image,  
23 picture, or sound recording according to the law enforcement  
24 agency's instructions, both of the following apply:

25 (a) The identity of the computer technician ~~shall~~ **MUST** be  
26 confidential, subject to disclosure only with his or her consent or  
27 by judicial process.

1 (b) If the computer technician acted in good faith, he or she  
2 is immune from civil liability that might otherwise be incurred by  
3 his or her actions. This immunity extends only to acts described in  
4 this subsection.

5 (11) ~~(10)~~—In any criminal proceeding regarding an alleged  
6 violation or attempted violation of this section, the court shall  
7 deny any request by the defendant to copy, photograph, duplicate,  
8 or otherwise reproduce any photographic or other pictorial evidence  
9 of a child engaging in a listed sexual act if the prosecuting  
10 attorney makes that evidence reasonably available to the defendant.  
11 Evidence is considered to be reasonably available to the defendant  
12 under this subsection if the prosecuting attorney provides an  
13 opportunity to the defendant and his or her attorney, and any  
14 person the defendant may seek to qualify as an expert witness at  
15 trial, to inspect, view, and examine that evidence at a facility  
16 approved by the prosecuting attorney.

17 (12) ~~(11)~~—This section applies uniformly throughout the state  
18 and all political subdivisions and municipalities in the state.

19 (13) ~~(12)~~—A local municipality or political subdivision shall  
20 not enact any ordinance or enforce any existing ordinance, rule, or  
21 regulation governing child sexually abusive activity or child  
22 sexually abusive material. ~~as defined by this section.~~

23 (14) **SUBSECTION (3) DOES NOT APPLY TO THE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN**  
24 **SECTION 7 OF 1984 PA 343, MCL 752.367.**

25 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
26 after the date it is enacted into law.

27 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect

1 unless House Bill No. 5794 of the 99th Legislature is enacted into  
2 law.