

HOUSE BILL NO. 4029

January 27, 2021, Introduced by Rep. Hoitenga and referred to the Committee on Military, Veterans and Homeland Security.

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled
"The Michigan penal code,"
by amending section 224a (MCL 750.224a), as amended by 2012 PA 122.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 224a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a
2 person shall not sell, offer for sale, or possess in this state a
3 portable device or weapon from which an electrical current,
4 impulse, wave, or beam may be directed, which current, impulse,
5 wave, or beam is designed to incapacitate temporarily, injure, or

1 kill.

2 (2) This section does not prohibit any of the following:

3 (a) **The possession and reasonable use of a stun device by an**
4 **individual 18 years of age or older.**

5 (b) ~~(a)~~—The possession and reasonable use of a device that
6 uses electro-muscular disruption technology by a peace officer, or
7 by any of the following individuals if the individual has been
8 trained in the use, effects, and risks of the device, and is using
9 the device while performing his or her official duties:

10 (i) An employee of the department of corrections who is
11 authorized in writing by the director of the department of
12 corrections to possess and use the device.

13 (ii) A local corrections officer authorized in writing by the
14 county sheriff to possess and use the device.

15 (iii) An individual employed by a local unit of government that
16 utilizes a jail or lockup facility who has custody of persons
17 detained or incarcerated in the jail or lockup facility and who is
18 authorized in writing by the chief of police, director of public
19 safety, or sheriff to possess and use the device.

20 (iv) A probation officer.

21 (v) A court officer.

22 (vi) A bail agent authorized under section 167b.

23 (vii) A licensed private investigator.

24 (viii) An aircraft pilot or aircraft crew member.

25 (ix) An individual employed as a private security police
26 officer. As used in this subparagraph, "private security police"
27 means that term as defined in section 2 of the private security
28 business and security alarm act, 1968 PA 330, MCL 338.1052.

29 (c) ~~(b)~~—The possession and reasonable use of a device that

1 uses electro-muscular disruption technology by an individual who
2 holds a valid license to carry a concealed pistol under section 5b
3 of 1927 PA 372, ~~MCL 28.425,~~ **MCL 28.425b**, and who has been trained
4 under subsection (5) in the use, effects, and risks of the device.

5 **(d)** ~~(e)~~ Possession solely for the purpose of delivering a
6 device described in subsection (1) to any governmental agency or to
7 a laboratory for testing, with the prior written approval of the
8 governmental agency or law enforcement agency and under conditions
9 determined to be appropriate by that agency.

10 (3) A manufacturer, authorized importer, or authorized dealer
11 may demonstrate, offer for sale, hold for sale, sell, give, lend,
12 or deliver a **stun device or a** device that uses electro-muscular
13 disruption technology to a person authorized to possess a **stun**
14 **device or a** device that uses electro-muscular disruption technology
15 and may possess a **stun device or a** device that uses electro-
16 muscular disruption technology for any of those purposes.

17 (4) A person who violates subsection (1) is guilty of a felony
18 punishable by imprisonment for not more than 4 years or a fine of
19 not more than \$2,000.00, or both.

20 (5) An authorized dealer or other person who sells a device
21 that uses electro-muscular disruption technology to an individual
22 described in subsection ~~(2)(b)~~ **(2)(c)** shall verify the individual's
23 identity and verify that the individual holds a valid concealed
24 pistol license issued under section 5b of 1927 PA 372, MCL 28.425b,
25 and shall provide to the individual purchasing the device, at the
26 time of the sale, training on the use, effects, and risks of the
27 device. A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a
28 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 30 days or
29 a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.

1 (6) An individual described in subsection (2) shall not use a
2 **stun device or a** device that uses electro-muscular disruption
3 technology against another ~~person~~**individual** except under
4 circumstances that would justify the individual's lawful use of
5 physical force. An individual who violates this ~~subdivision~~
6 **subsection** is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment
7 for not more than 2 years or a fine of not more than \$2,000.00, or
8 both.

9 (7) As used in this section:

10 (a) "A device that uses electro-muscular disruption
11 technology" means a device to which both of the following apply:

12 (i) The device is capable of creating an electro-muscular
13 disruption and is used or intended to be used as a defensive device
14 capable of temporarily incapacitating or immobilizing ~~a person~~**an**
15 **individual** by the direction or emission of conducted energy.

16 (ii) The device contains an identification and tracking system
17 that, when the device is initially used, dispenses coded material
18 traceable to the purchaser through records kept by the
19 manufacturer, and the manufacturer of the device has a policy of
20 providing that identification and tracking information to a police
21 agency upon written request by that agency. However, this
22 subdivision does not apply to a launchable device that is used only
23 by law enforcement agencies.

24 (b) "Local corrections officer" means that term as defined in
25 section 2 of the local corrections officers training act, 2003 PA
26 125, MCL 791.532.

27 (c) "Peace officer" means any of the following:

28 (i) A police officer or public safety officer of this state or
29 a political subdivision of this state, including motor carrier

1 officers appointed under section 6d of 1935 PA 59, MCL 28.6d, and
2 security personnel employed by the state under section 6c of 1935
3 PA 59, MCL 28.6c.

4 (ii) A sheriff or a sheriff's deputy.

5 (iii) A police officer or public safety officer of a junior
6 college, college, or university who is authorized by the governing
7 board of that junior college, college, or university to enforce
8 state law and the rules and ordinances of that junior college,
9 college, or university.

10 (iv) A township constable.

11 (v) A marshal of a city, village, or township.

12 (vi) A conservation officer of the department of natural
13 resources or the department of environmental quality.

14 (vii) A reserve peace officer, as that term is defined in
15 section 1 of 1927 PA 372, MCL 28.421.

16 (viii) A law enforcement officer of another state or of a
17 political subdivision of another state or a junior college,
18 college, or university in another state, substantially
19 corresponding to a law enforcement officer described in
20 subparagraphs (i) to (vii).

21 (ix) A federal law enforcement officer.

22 (d) **"Stun device" means a device from which an electrical**
23 **current is designed to immobilize an individual temporarily through**
24 **the contact of the device held against an individual. Stun device**
25 **does not include a launchable device.**