

# HOUSE BILL NO. 5317

November 09, 2023, Introduced by Reps. Arbit and Steckloff and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1846 RS 158, entitled "Of offences against chastity, morality and decency," by amending section 27 (MCL 752.527), as amended by 1991 PA 145.

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

1       Sec. 27. **(1)** ~~It shall be the duty of all sheriffs, and their~~  
2 ~~deputies, coroners, marshals, constables, and other peace officers,~~  
3 ~~all presiding elders, and ministers of the gospel, deacons,~~  
4 ~~stewards and official members of any church or religious society,~~  
5 ~~who may be present at the meeting of any assembly for religious~~  
6 ~~worship, which shall be interrupted or disturbed~~ **If an individual**

1 interrupts or disturbs a meeting of an assembly for religious  
2 worship or secular organization in ~~the~~ a manner prohibited ~~in~~  
3 ~~sight to~~ for that meeting, any of the following individuals who are  
4 present at that meeting and witness the interruption or disturbance  
5 have a duty to apprehend the offender, and take ~~him or her~~ the  
6 offender before the district or municipal court of the judicial  
7 district or municipality, to be proceeded against according to law:

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9 (a) A sheriff or sheriff's deputy.

10 (b) A marshal.

11 (c) A constable.

12 (d) A peace officer.

13 (2) As used in subsection (1), "secular organization" means an  
14 organization that occupies a place in the lives of the  
15 organization's members parallel to that filled by a church or  
16 particular religious authority.