

# HOUSE BILL NO. 6087

November 13, 2024, Introduced by Reps. Farhat, Aiyash, Tsernoglou, Price, Weiss, Morgan, Paiz, Tyrone Carter, Xiong, MacDonell and Byrnes and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to amend 1988 PA 466, entitled  
"Animal industry act,"  
(MCL 287.701 to 287.746) by amending the title, as amended by 2019  
PA 132, and by adding section 40c.

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

1 TITLE  
2 An act to authorize and require the appointment of a state  
3 veterinarian within the department of agriculture and rural  
4 development; to protect the human food chain and the livestock  
5 industry of this state through prevention, control, and eradication  
6 of infectious or toxicological diseases of livestock and other

1 animals; to prevent the importation of certain nonindigenous  
2 animals under certain circumstances; to safeguard the human  
3 population from certain diseases that are communicable between  
4 animals and humans; to prevent or control the contamination of  
5 animals with certain toxic substances through certain animals or  
6 animal products; **to provide certain standards of care and housing**  
7 **for certain animals;** to provide for indemnification for livestock  
8 under certain circumstances; to provide for certain powers and  
9 duties for certain state agencies and departments; to provide for  
10 the promulgation of rules; to provide for certain hearings; to  
11 provide for remedies and penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of  
12 acts.

13       **Sec. 40c. (1) A person shall not engage in the force-feeding**  
14 **of a bird.**

15       **(2) A person that violates subsection (1) is subject to a**  
16 **civil fine of not more than \$1,000.00. Each day that the violation**  
17 **continues, the person is responsible for an additional civil fine**  
18 **of not more than \$1,000.00 per day. The prosecutor of the county in**  
19 **which the violation occurred or the attorney general may bring an**  
20 **action to collect the fine. The criminal penalties provided in**  
21 **section 44 are not applicable to a violation of subsection (1).**

22       **(3) As used in this section:**

23       **(a) "Bird" means any species of poultry.**

24       **(b) "Force-feeding" means to deliver food by placing a tube or**  
25 **other device into the esophagus of a bird and includes any other**  
26 **feeding method designed to cause ingestion of an amount of food by**  
27 **a bird that exceeds the amount that would be ingested voluntarily.**