

**AGE OF MAJORITY ACT OF 1971**  
**Act 79 of 1971**

AN ACT to define the age of majority or legal age and to prescribe and define the duties, liabilities, responsibilities, rights and legal capacity of persons 18 or more years of age.

**History:** 1971, Act 79, Eff. Jan. 1, 1972.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**722.51 Short title.**

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Age of Majority Act of 1971".

**History:** 1971, Act 79, Eff. Jan. 1, 1972.

**722.52 Adult of legal age; support payments for person 18 years of age or older.**

Sec. 2. (1) Except as otherwise provided in the state constitution of 1963 and subsection (2), notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a person who is at least 18 years of age on or after January 1, 1972, is an adult of legal age for all purposes whatsoever, and shall have the same duties, liabilities, responsibilities, rights, and legal capacity as persons heretofore acquired at 21 years of age.

(2) A court may order support payments for a person 18 years of age or older as provided in 1 or more of the following:

(a) Chapter 84 of the revised statutes of 1846, being sections 552.1 to 552.45 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(b) The child custody act of 1970, Act No. 91 of the Public Acts of 1970, being sections 722.21 to 722.29 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(c) The family support act, Act No. 138 of the Public Acts of 1966, being sections 552.451 to 552.459 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(d) The paternity act, Act No. 205 of the Public Acts of 1956, being sections 722.711 to 722.730 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(e) Act No. 293 of the Public Acts of 1968, being sections 722.1 to 722.6 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

**History:** 1971, Act 79, Eff. Jan. 1, 1972;—Am. 1990, Act 104, Eff. Oct. 10, 1990.

**Compiler's note:** In subsection (2)(a), the phrase "revised statutes of 1846" evidently should read "Revised Statutes of 1846."

**722.53 Superseded laws.**

Sec. 3. (1) This act supersedes all provisions of law that prescribe duties, liabilities, responsibilities, rights, and legal capacity of individuals 18 years of age to 20 years of age different from individuals 21 years of age, including, but not limited to, the following public acts:

(a) Sections 2 and 6 of 1927 PA 372, MCL 28.422 and 28.426.

(b) Section 1 of former 1921 PA 53.

(c) Former section 107 of 1846 RS 14.

(d) Former section 69 of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206.

(e) Former sections 305 and 310a of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300.

(f) Sections 9a and 44 of former 1923 PA 151.

(g) Former section 55b of the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280.

(h) Section 823 of the worker's disability compensation act of 1969, 1969 PA 317, MCL 418.823.

(i) Section 12 of former 1959 PA 27.

(j) Sections 33, 33a, and 33b of former 1933 (Ex Sess) PA 8.

(k) Section 1 of 1919 PA 160, MCL 551.251.

(l) Sections 1 to 4, 6, 7, and 9 of former 1959 PA 172.

(m) Sections 15 and 29 of 1846 RS 66, MCL 558.15 and 558.29.

(n) The revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.101 to 600.9947.

(o) The probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 710.21 to 712B.41.

(p) 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.1 to 722.6.

(q) Sections 28, 141, 141a, and 142 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.28, 750.141, 750.141a, and 750.142.

(r) Former sections 141c, 141d, 243a to 243e, and 345 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328.

(s) Former 1959 PA 186.

(t) Section 10 of chapter VI of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 766.10.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) and section 2, this act does not apply to the youth tobacco act, 1915 PA

31, MCL 722.641 to 722.645.

**History:** 1971, Act 79, Eff. Jan. 1, 1972;—Am. 2022, Act 170, Imd. Eff. July 21, 2022.

**722.54 Saving clause.**

Sec. 4. This act does not impair or affect any act done, offense committed or right accruing, accrued or acquired, or a liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred before this act takes effect, but the same may be enjoyed, asserted and enforced, as fully and to the same extent as if this act had not been passed. Such proceedings may be consummated under and in accordance with the law in force at the time the proceedings are or were commenced. Proceedings pending at the effective date of this act and proceedings instituted thereafter for any act, offense committed, right accruing, accrued or acquired, or liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred before the effective date of this act may be continued or instituted under and in accordance with the law in force at the time of the commission of the act, offense committed, right accruing, accrued or acquired, or liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred.

**History:** 1971, Act 79, Eff. Jan. 1, 1972.

**722.55 Effective date.**

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect January 1, 1972.

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