

**THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 328 of 1931**

**750.40 Private diseases; conceptive preventatives; publication of cures.**

Sec. 40. Publication in indecent language of cures for private diseases and conceptive preventatives—The publication or sale within this state of any circular, pamphlet or book containing recipes or prescriptions in indecent or obscene language for the cure of chronic female complaints or private diseases, or recipes or prescriptions for drops, pills, tinctures, or other compounds designed to prevent conception, or tending to produce miscarriage or abortion is hereby prohibited; and for each copy thereof, so published and sold, containing such prohibited recipes or prescriptions, the publisher and seller shall each be guilty of a misdemeanor.

**History:** 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;—CL 1948, 750.40.

**Former law:** See section 2 of Act 106 of 1869, being CL 1871, § 7725; How., § 9311; CL 1897, § 11728; CL 1915, § 15522; and CL 1929, § 16884.