

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5257

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled  
"The Michigan penal code,"  
(MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 409b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1           SEC. 409B. (1) A PERSON SHALL NOT KNOWINGLY POSSESS RANSOMWARE  
2 WITH THE INTENT TO USE OR EMPLOY THAT RANSOMWARE FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
3 INTRODUCTION INTO THE COMPUTER, COMPUTER DATA, COMPUTER SYSTEM, OR  
4 COMPUTER NETWORK OF ANOTHER PERSON, WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION OF THE  
5 OTHER PERSON. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A  
6 FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 3 YEARS.

7           (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "RANSOMWARE" MEANS A COMPUTER OR  
8 DATA CONTAMINANT, ENCRYPTION, OR LOCK THAT IS PLACED OR INTRODUCED  
9 WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION INTO A COMPUTER, COMPUTER SYSTEM, OR COMPUTER

1 NETWORK AND THAT RESTRICTS ACCESS BY AN AUTHORIZED PERSON TO A  
2 COMPUTER, COMPUTER DATA, COMPUTER SYSTEM, OR COMPUTER NETWORK IN A  
3 MANNER THAT RESULTS IN THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLACEMENT OR  
4 INTRODUCTION OF THE RANSOMWARE DEMANDING PAYMENT OF MONEY OR OTHER  
5 CONSIDERATION TO REMOVE THE COMPUTER CONTAMINANT, OR RESTORE ACCESS  
6 TO THE COMPUTER, COMPUTER SYSTEM, COMPUTER NETWORK, OR DATA.  
7 RANSOMWARE DOES NOT INCLUDE AUTHENTICATION REQUIRED TO UPGRADE OR  
8 ACCESS PURCHASED CONTENT.

9 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
10 after the date it is enacted into law.