## **SENATE BILL No. 416**

May 31, 2017, Introduced by Senators ROCCA, JONES, CONYERS, BIEDA, HERTEL, O'BRIEN and KNOLLENBERG and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code,"

by amending section 49 (MCL 750.49), as amended by 2006 PA 129.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 49. (1) As used in this section: , "animal"
- 2 (A) "ANIMAL" means a vertebrate other than a human BEING.
- 3 (B) "ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY" MEANS AN ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER,
- AN ANIMAL PROTECTION SHELTER, OR A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. AS USED
- 5 IN THIS SUBDIVISION, "ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER" AND "ANIMAL
- 5 PROTECTION SHELTER" MEAN THOSE TERMS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1 OF
  - 1969 PA 287, MCL 287.331.
- (2) A person shall not knowingly do any of the following:
- **9** (a) Own, possess, use, buy, sell, offer to buy or sell,

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- 1 import, or export an animal for fighting or baiting, or as a target
- 2 to be shot at as a test of skill in marksmanship.
- 3 (b) Be a party to or cause the fighting, baiting, or shooting
- 4 of an animal as described in subdivision (a).
- 5 (c) Rent or otherwise obtain the use of a building, shed,
- 6 room, yard, ground, or premises, VEHICLE, OR ANY OTHER VENUE for
- 7 fighting, baiting, or shooting an animal as described in
- 8 subdivision (a).
- 9 (d) Permit the use of a building, shed, room, yard, ground, or
- 10 premises, VEHICLE, OR ANY OTHER VENUE belonging to him or her or
- 11 under his or her control for any of the purposes described in this
- 12 section.
- 13 (e) Organize, promote, or collect money for the fighting,
- 14 baiting, or shooting of an animal as described in subdivisions (a)
- **15** to (d).
- 16 (f) Be present at a building, shed, room, yard, ground, or
- 17 premises, VEHICLE, OR ANY OTHER VENUE where preparations are being
- 18 made for an exhibition described in subdivisions (a) to (d), or be
- 19 present at the exhibition, knowing that an exhibition is taking
- 20 place or about to take place.
- 21 (g) Breed, buy, sell, offer to buy or sell, exchange, import,
- 22 or export an animal the person knows has been trained or used for
- 23 fighting as described in subdivisions (a) to (d), or breed, buy,
- 24 sell, offer to buy or sell, exchange, import, or export the
- 25 offspring of an animal the person knows has been trained or used
- 26 for fighting as described in subdivisions (a) to (d). This
- 27 subdivision does not prohibit owning, breeding, buying, selling,

- 1 offering to buy or sell, exchanging, importing, or exporting an
- 2 animal for agricultural or agricultural exposition purposes. THIS
- 3 SUBDIVISION DOES NOT PROHIBIT AN ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY FROM OWNING,
- 4 ADOPTING, OR TRANSFERRING OWNERSHIP OF AN ANIMAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF
- 5 ADOPTION OF AN ANIMAL TRAINED OR USED FOR FIGHTING AS DESCRIBED IN
- 6 SUBDIVISIONS (A) TO (D) OR AN ANIMAL THAT IS THE FIRST- OR SECOND-
- 7 GENERATION OFFSPRING OF AN ANIMAL TRAINED OR USED FOR FIGHTING AS
- 8 DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISIONS (A) TO (D). IF AN ANIMAL IS FOUND FIT FOR
- 9 PLACEMENT AND IS TRANSFERRED OR ADOPTED, THE ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY
- 10 THAT TRANSFERS OR ADOPTS THE ANIMAL SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 11 (i) STERILIZE THE ANIMAL OR COLLECT A GOOD-FAITH DEPOSIT FOR
- 12 STERILIZATION AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 8A OF 1969 PA 287, MCL
- 13 287.338A.
- 14 (ii) PROVIDE A COPY OF THE ANIMAL'S HISTORY, INCLUDING, BUT
- 15 NOT LIMITED TO, A DESCRIPTION OF WHY THE ANIMAL WAS SEIZED,
- 16 VETERINARY RECORDS, AND A COPY OF SUBSECTIONS (8) TO (14) TO THE
- 17 PERSON TO WHOM THE ANIMAL IS TRANSFERRED OR ADOPTED.
- (h) Own, possess, use, buy, sell, offer to buy or sell,
- 19 transport, or deliver any device or equipment intended for use in
- 20 the fighting, baiting, or shooting of an animal as described in
- 21 subdivisions (a) to (d).
- 22 (3) A person who violates subsection (2)(a) to (e) is guilty
- 23 of a felony punishable by 1 or more of the following:
- 24 (a) Imprisonment for not more than 4 years.
- 25 (b) A fine of not less than \$5,000.00 or more than \$50,000.00.
- (c) Not less than 500 or more than 1,000 hours of community

27 service.

- 1 (4) A person who violates subsection (2)(f) to (h) is guilty
- 2 of a felony punishable by 1 or more of the following:
- 3 (a) Imprisonment for not more than 4 years.
- 4 (b) A fine of not less than \$1,000.00 or more than \$5,000.00.
- **5** (c) Not less than 250 or more than 500 hours of community
- 6 service.
- 7 (5) The court may order a person convicted of violating this
- 8 section to pay the costs of prosecution.
- **9** (6) The court may order a person convicted of violating this
- 10 section to pay the costs for INVESTIGATING THE VIOLATION OF THIS
- 11 SECTION, DISPOSITION OF THE ANIMAL, AND housing and caring for the
- 12 animal, including, but not limited to, providing veterinary medical
- 13 treatment. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION, "DISPOSITION" INCLUDES THE
- 14 TRANSFER, EUTHANASIA, OR ADOPTION OF AN ANIMAL.
- 15 (7) As part of the sentence for a violation of subsection (2),
- 16 the court shall order the person convicted not to own or possess an
- 17 animal of the same species involved in the violation of this
- 18 section for 5 years after the date of sentencing. Failure to comply
- 19 with the order of the court pursuant to this subsection is
- 20 punishable as contempt of court.
- 21 (8) If a person incites an animal trained or used for fighting
- 22 or an animal that is the first-FIRST- or second-SECOND-generation
- 23 offspring of an animal trained or used for fighting to attack a
- 24 person and thereby THE ATTACK causes the death of that person, the
- 25 owner is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for life or
- 26 for a term of years greater than 15 years.
- 27 (9) If a person incites an animal trained or used for fighting

- 1 or an animal that is the first FIRST- or second SECOND-generation
- 2 offspring of an animal trained or used for fighting to attack a
- 3 person, but the attack does not result in the death of the person,
- 4 the owner is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not
- 5 more than 4 years or a fine of not more than \$2,000.00, or both.
- 6 (10) If an animal trained or used for fighting or an animal
- 7 that is the first FIRST- or second SECOND-generation offspring of
- 8 an animal trained or used for fighting attacks a person without
- 9 provocation and causes the death of that person, the owner of the
- 10 animal is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not
- 11 more than 15 years.
- 12 (11) If an animal trained or used for fighting or an animal
- 13 that is the first FIRST- or second SECOND-generation offspring of
- 14 an animal trained or used for fighting attacks a person without
- 15 provocation, but the attack does not cause the death of the person,
- 16 the owner is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for
- 17 not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both.
- 18 (12) Subsections (8) to (11) do not apply if the person
- 19 attacked was committing or attempting to commit an unlawful act on
- 20 the property of the owner of the animal.
- 21 (13) If an animal trained or used for fighting or an animal
- 22 that is the first FIRST- or second SECOND-generation offspring of a
- 23 dog trained or used for fighting goes beyond the property limits of
- 24 its owner without being securely restrained, the owner is guilty of
- 25 a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days
- 26 or a fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00, or both.
- 27 (14) If an animal trained or used for fighting or an animal

- 1 that is the first FIRST- or second SECOND-generation offspring of a
- 2 dog trained or used for fighting is not securely enclosed or
- 3 restrained on the owner's property, the owner is guilty of a
- 4 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or
- 5 a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.
- 6 (15) Subsections (8) to (14) do not apply to any of the
- 7 following:
- 8 (a) A dog trained or used for fighting, or the first FIRST- or
- 9 second SECOND-generation offspring of a dog trained or used for
- 10 fighting, that is used by a law enforcement agency of the THIS
- 11 state or a county, city, village, or township.
- 12 (b) A certified leader dog recognized and trained by a
- 13 national guide dog association for the blind or for persons with
- **14** disabilities.
- 15 (c) A corporation licensed under the private security business
- 16 and security alarm act, 1968 PA 330, MCL 338.1051 to 338.1083,
- 17 338.1092, when a dog trained or used for fighting, or the first
- 18 FIRST- or second SECOND-generation offspring of a dog trained or
- 19 used for fighting, is used in accordance with the private security
- 20 business and security alarm act, 1968 PA 330, MCL 338.1051 to
- 21 338.1083.338.1092.
- 22 (16) An—EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (20), AN animal that
- 23 has been used to fight in violation of this section or that is
- 24 involved in a violation of subsections (8) to (14) shall MUST be
- 25 confiscated as contraband by a law enforcement officer and shall
- 26 MUST not be returned to the owner, trainer, or possessor of the
- 27 animal. The animal shall MUST be taken to a local humane society or

- 1 other animal welfare CONTROL agency. If an animal owner, trainer,
- 2 or possessor is convicted of violating subsection (2) or
- 3 subsections (8) to (14), the court shall award the animal involved
- 4 in the violation to the <del>local humane society or other</del> animal
- 5 welfare CONTROL agency FOR EVALUATION AND DISPOSITION.
- 6 (17) AN ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY TAKING CUSTODY OF AN ANIMAL
- 7 UNDER SUBSECTION (16) SHALL GIVE NOTICE WITHIN 72 HOURS AFTER
- 8 SEIZURE OF THE ANIMAL BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS
- 9 OF THE ANIMAL'S OWNER, IF THE OWNER OF THE ANIMAL IS KNOWN. IF THE
- 10 OWNER OF THE ANIMAL IS UNKNOWN, AN ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY TAKING
- 11 CUSTODY OF AN ANIMAL UNDER SUBSECTION (16) SHALL GIVE NOTICE WITHIN
- 12 72 HOURS AFTER SEIZURE OF THE ANIMAL BY 1 OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:
- 13 (A) POSTING AT THE LOCATION OF THE SEIZURE.
- 14 (B) DELIVERY TO A PERSON RESIDING AT THE LOCATION OF THE
- 15 SEIZURE.
- 16 (C) REGISTERED MAIL TO THE LOCATION OF THE SEIZURE.
- 17 (18) THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (17) MUST INCLUDE
- 18 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 19 (A) A DESCRIPTION OF EACH ANIMAL SEIZED.
- 20 (B) THE TIME, DATE, LOCATION, AND DESCRIPTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES
- 21 UNDER WHICH THE ANIMAL WAS SEIZED.
- 22 (C) THE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE LOCATION WHERE THE
- 23 ANIMAL IS BEING HELD AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE INDIVIDUAL
- 24 PRESENT AT THAT LOCATION FROM WHOM SECURITY DEPOSIT OR BOND
- 25 INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED.
- 26 (D) A STATEMENT THAT THE OWNER OR POSSESSOR OF THE ANIMAL MAY
- 27 POST A SECURITY DEPOSIT OR BOND THAT MAY PREVENT THE FORFEITURE OF

- 1 THE ANIMAL FOR THE DURATION OF THE CRIMINAL, FORFEITURE, OR OTHER
- 2 COURT PROCEEDING UNTIL THE COURT MAKES A FINAL DETERMINATION
- 3 REGARDING THE ANIMAL'S DISPOSITION, THAT FAILURE TO POST A SECURITY
- 4 DEPOSIT OR BOND WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON THE NOTICE WILL
- 5 RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF THE ANIMAL, AND THAT THE OWNER OR POSSESSOR
- 6 OF THE ANIMAL MAY, BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE 14-DAY PERIOD
- 7 DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, REQUEST A HEARING ON WHETHER THE
- 8 REQUIREMENT TO POST A SECURITY DEPOSIT OR BOND IS JUSTIFIED OR
- 9 WHETHER THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE SECURITY DEPOSIT OR BOND IS
- 10 FAIR AND REASONABLE FOR THE CARE OF AND PROVISION FOR THE SEIZED
- 11 ANIMAL. NOTICE OF A REQUEST FOR A HEARING UNDER THIS SUBSECTION
- 12 SHALL BE SERVED ON THE ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY HOLDING THE ANIMAL
- 13 BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE 14-DAY PERIOD DESCRIBED IN THIS
- 14 SUBSECTION. AT A HEARING ON WHETHER THE REQUIREMENT TO POST A
- 15 SECURITY DEPOSIT OR BOND IS JUSTIFIED, THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY HAS
- 16 THE BURDEN TO ESTABLISH BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE THAT A
- 17 VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION OCCURRED. IF THE COURT FINDS THAT THE
- 18 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY HAS MET ITS BURDEN, THE ANIMAL WILL BE
- 19 FORFEITED TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY THAT SEIZED THE ANIMAL
- 20 UNLESS THE OWNER OR POSSESSOR OF THE ANIMAL POSTS THE REQUIRED
- 21 SECURITY DEPOSIT OR BOND. AN OWNER OR POSSESSOR'S FAILURE TO APPEAR
- 22 AT A SCHEDULED HEARING REQUESTED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION WILL RESULT
- 23 IN AUTOMATIC FORFEITURE OF THE ANIMAL IF THE DATE OF THE SCHEDULED
- 24 HEARING IS MORE THAN 14 DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON THE NOTICE DESCRIBED
- 25 IN THIS SUBSECTION.
- 26 (E) A STATEMENT THAT THE OWNER OR POSSESSOR OF THE ANIMAL IS
- 27 RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL COSTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (6), UNLESS THE

- 1 COURT DETERMINES THAT THE SEIZURE OF THE ANIMAL WAS NOT
- 2 SUBSTANTIALLY JUSTIFIED BY LAW.
- 3 (19) AN ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY THAT HAS CUSTODY OF A SEIZED
- 4 ANIMAL UNDER SUBSECTION (16) SHALL HOLD THE ANIMAL FOR A PERIOD OF
- 5 14 CONSECUTIVE DAYS, INCLUDING WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS, BEGINNING ON
- 6 THE DATE NOTICE WAS GIVEN UNDER SUBSECTION (17). AFTER THE
- 7 EXPIRATION OF THE 14 DAYS, IF THE OWNER OR A POSSESSOR OF THE
- 8 ANIMAL HAS NOT POSTED A SECURITY DEPOSIT OR BOND AS PROVIDED IN
- 9 SUBSECTION (20), THE ANIMAL IS FORFEITED, AND THE ANIMAL CONTROL
- 10 AGENCY MAY DISPOSE OF THE ANIMAL BY ADOPTION, TRANSFER TO ANOTHER
- 11 ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY, OR HUMANE EUTHANASIA.
- 12 (20) THE OWNER OR POSSESSOR OF AN ANIMAL SEIZED UNDER
- 13 SUBSECTION (16) MAY PREVENT FORFEITURE AND DISPOSITION OF THE
- 14 ANIMAL BY AN ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY FOR THE DURATION OF THE
- 15 CRIMINAL, FORFEITURE, OR OTHER COURT PROCEEDING UNTIL THE COURT
- 16 MAKES A FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING THE ANIMAL'S DISPOSITION BY
- 17 POSTING A SECURITY DEPOSIT OR BOND WITH THE COURT WITHIN 14 DAYS
- 18 AFTER THE DATE ON THE NOTICE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (18). THE BOND
- 19 MUST BE IN A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT TO SECURE PAYMENT OF ALL COSTS
- 20 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (6) DURING A 30-DAY PERIOD OF BOARDING AND
- 21 VETERINARY TREATMENT OF THE ANIMAL AFTER EXAMINATION BY A LICENSED
- 22 VETERINARIAN. THE ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY SHALL DETERMINE THE AMOUNT
- 23 OF THE BOND NO LATER THAN 72 HOURS AFTER THE SEIZURE OF THE ANIMAL,
- 24 AND SHALL MAKE THE AMOUNT OF THE BOND AVAILABLE TO THE OWNER OR
- 25 POSSESSOR OF THE ANIMAL UPON REQUEST. THE OWNER OR POSSESSOR OF THE
- 26 ANIMAL SHALL PROVIDE PROOF OF THE SECURITY DEPOSIT OR BOND TO THE
- 27 ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY NO LATER THAN 14 DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON THE

- 1 NOTICE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (18).
- 2 (21) AN ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY THAT IS HOLDING OR REQUIRING TO
- 3 BE HELD A SEIZED ANIMAL AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION MAY DRAW ON A
- 4 SECURITY DEPOSIT OR BOND POSTED UNDER SUBSECTION (20) OR (22) TO
- 5 COVER THE ACTUAL REASONABLE COSTS INCURRED IN THE SEIZURE, CARE,
- 6 KEEPING, AND DISPOSITION OF THE ANIMAL AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION
- 7 (6) FROM THE DATE OF THE SEIZURE TO THE DATE OF THE OFFICIAL
- 8 DISPOSITION OF THE ANIMAL IN THE CRIMINAL ACTION.
- 9 (22) IF A SECURITY DEPOSIT OR BOND HAS BEEN POSTED UNDER
- 10 SUBSECTION (20), AND TRIAL IN THE CRIMINAL ACTION DOES NOT OCCUR
- 11 WITHIN THE INITIAL 30-DAY BOND PERIOD OR IS CONTINUED TO A LATER
- 12 DATE, THE OWNER OR POSSESSOR SHALL POST AN ADDITIONAL SECURITY
- 13 DEPOSIT OR BOND IN AN AMOUNT DETERMINED SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE
- 14 COSTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (6) AS ANTICIPATED TO BE INCURRED BY
- 15 THE ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY CARING FOR THE ANIMAL. THE ADDITIONAL
- 16 SECURITY DEPOSIT OR BOND MUST BE CALCULATED IN 30-DAY INCREMENTS
- 17 AND CONTINUE UNTIL THE CRIMINAL ACTION IS RESOLVED. IF THE OWNER OR
- 18 POSSESSOR OF THE ANIMAL FAILS TO POST A NEW SECURITY DEPOSIT OR
- 19 BOND WITH THE COURT BEFORE THE PREVIOUS SECURITY DEPOSIT OR BOND
- 20 EXPIRES, THE ANIMAL IS FORFEITED TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY
- 21 CARING FOR THE ANIMAL.
- 22 (23) IF THE OWNER OR POSSESSOR THAT POSTED A SECURITY DEPOSIT
- 23 OR BOND UNDER SUBSECTION (20) OR (22) IS FOUND NOT GUILTY IN THE
- 24 CRIMINAL ACTION, THE AMOUNT OF THE SECURITY DEPOSIT OR BOND POSTED
- 25 TO PREVENT DISPOSITION OF THE ANIMAL MAY BE RETURNED TO THE OWNER
- 26 OR POSSESSOR AT THE COURT'S DISCRETION, AND, SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS
- 27 (25) AND (26), THE ANIMAL MUST BE RETURNED TO THE OWNER.

- 1 (24) IF A SECURITY DEPOSIT OR BOND IS POSTED BY AN OWNER OR
- 2 POSSESSOR OF AN ANIMAL UNDER SUBSECTION (20) OR (22) AND THE COURT
- 3 DETERMINES THAT THE ANIMAL IS A DANGEROUS ANIMAL OR LACKS ANY
- 4 USEFUL PURPOSE UNDER SUBSECTION (26), THE POSTING OF THE SECURITY
- 5 DEPOSIT OR BOND MUST NOT PREVENT DISPOSITION OF THE ANIMAL.
- 6 (25) (17)—Upon receiving an animal confiscated—SEIZED under
- 7 this section, or at any time thereafter, an appointed veterinarian,
- 8 the humane society, or other animal welfare CONTROL agency may
- 9 humanely euthanize the animal OR HAVE THE ANIMAL EUTHANIZED if, in
- 10 the opinion of that A LICENSED veterinarian, humane society, or
- 11 other animal welfare agency, the animal is injured or diseased past
- 12 recovery or the animal's continued existence is inhumane so that
- 13 euthanasia is necessary to relieve pain and suffering. THIS
- 14 SUBSECTION APPLIES TO AN ANIMAL WHETHER OR NOT A SECURITY DEPOSIT
- 15 OR BOND HAS BEEN POSTED UNDER SUBSECTION (20) OR (22).
- 16 (26) (18) A humane society or other animal welfare AN ANIMAL
- 17 CONTROL agency that receives an animal under this section shall MAY
- 18 apply to the district court or municipal court for a hearing to
- 19 determine whether the animal shall MUST be humanely euthanized
- 20 because of its lack of any useful purpose and OR the public safety
- 21 threat it poses. The court shall hold a hearing not more than 30
- 22 days after the filing of the application and shall give notice of
- 23 the hearing to the owner of the animal. Upon a finding by the court
- 24 that the animal lacks any useful purpose and OR poses a threat to
- 25 public safety, the humane society or other animal welfare CONTROL
- 26 agency shall humanely euthanize the animal OR HAVE THE ANIMAL
- 27 EUTHANIZED. Expenses incurred in connection with the housing, care,

- 1 upkeep, or euthanasia of the animal by a humane society or other AN
- 2 animal welfare CONTROL agency, or by a person, firm, partnership,
- 3 corporation, or other entity, shall MAY, IN THE COURT'S DISCRETION,
- 4 be assessed against the owner of the animal.
- 5 (27) (19) Subject to subsections (16), to (18), (25), AND
- 6 (26), all animals being used or to be used in fighting, equipment,
- 7 devices, and money involved in a violation of subsection (2) shall
- 8 MUST be forfeited to the THIS state. All other instrumentalities,
- 9 proceeds, and substituted proceeds of a violation of subsection (2)
- 10 are subject to forfeiture under chapter 47 of the revised
- 11 judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.4701 to
- 12  $\frac{600.4709.600.4710}{}$
- 13 (28) (20) The seizing agency may deposit money seized under
- 14 subsection (19) (27) into an interest-bearing account in a
- 15 financial institution. As used in this subsection, "financial
- 16 institution" means a state or nationally chartered bank or a state
- 17 or federally chartered savings and loan association, savings bank,
- 18 or credit union whose deposits are insured by an agency of the
- 19 United States government and that maintains a principal office or
- 20 branch office located in this state under the laws of this state or
- 21 the United States.
- 22 (29)  $\frac{(21)}{}$  An attorney for a person who is charged with a
- 23 violation of subsection (2) involving or related to money seized
- 24 under subsection (19) shall (27) MUST be afforded a period of 60
- 25 days within which to examine that money. This 60-day period shall
- 26 WILL begin to run after notice of forfeiture is given but before
- 27 the money is deposited into a financial institution under

- 1 subsection (20). (28). If the attorney general, prosecuting
- 2 attorney, or city or township attorney fails to sustain his or her
- 3 burden of proof in forfeiture proceedings under subsection  $\frac{(19)_{T}}{T}$
- 4 (27), the court shall order the return of the money, including any
- 5 interest earned on money deposited into a financial institution
- 6 under subsection (20). (28).
- 7 (30)  $\frac{(22)}{(22)}$  This section does not apply to conduct that is
- 8 permitted by and is in compliance with any of the following:
- **9** (a) Part 401 of the natural resources and environmental
- 10 protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.40101 to 324.40119.324.40120.
- 11 (b) Part 435 of the natural resources and environmental
- 12 protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.43501 to 324.43561.
- (c) Part 427 of the natural resources and environmental
- 14 protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.42701 to 324.42714.
- 15 (d) Part 417 of the natural resources and environmental
- 16 protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.41701 to 324.41712.
- 17 (31)  $\frac{(23)}{(23)}$  This section does not prohibit a person from being
- 18 charged with, convicted of, or punished for any other violation of
- 19 law that is committed by that person while violating this section.
- 20 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
- 21 after the date it is enacted into law.

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