

# Legislative Analysis

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## **WRONGFUL DEATH STATUTE: CLARIFY APPLICATION TO THE UNBORN**

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**House Bill 4777**

**Sponsor: Rep. William VanRegenmorter**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Complete to 10-10-05**

## **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4777 AS INTRODUCED 5-11-05**

When a person dies as a result of another party's negligence or wrongdoing, the deceased's relatives may sue that party for damages in a wrongful death action. House Bill 4777 would amend the portion of the Revised Judicature Act known as the wrongful death statute to clarify that the right to sue also applies if the act committed by the liable party resulted in a miscarriage or stillbirth, or physical injury to or the death of the embryo or fetus, regardless of the gestational age of the embryo or fetus.

MCL 600.2922 and 600.2922a

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The bill would have no significant fiscal impact on the courts.

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