

# HOUSE BILL No. 5914

March 28, 2006, Introduced by Rep. Amos and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled  
"The Michigan penal code,"  
(MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 135a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1           SEC. 135A. (1) A PERSON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CARE OR  
2 WELFARE OF A CHILD SHALL NOT LEAVE THAT CHILD UNATTENDED IN A  
3 VEHICLE FOR A PERIOD OF TIME THAT A REASONABLE PERSON WOULD  
4 DETERMINE POSES A RISK OF HARM OR INJURY TO THE CHILD OR UNDER  
5 CIRCUMSTANCES THAT A REASONABLE PERSON WOULD DETERMINE POSE A RISK  
6 OF HARM OR INJURY TO THE CHILD.

7           (2) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AS  
8 FOLLOWS:

9           (A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISIONS (B) TO (D),  
10 THE PERSON IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT  
11 FOR NOT MORE THAN 93 DAYS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500.00, OR

1 BOTH.

2 (B) IF THE VIOLATION RESULTS IN PHYSICAL HARM OTHER THAN  
3 SERIOUS PHYSICAL HARM TO THE CHILD, THE PERSON IS GUILTY OF A  
4 MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR OR  
5 A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00, OR BOTH.

6 (C) IF THE VIOLATION RESULTS IN SERIOUS PHYSICAL HARM TO THE  
7 CHILD, THE PERSON IS GUILTY OF A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT  
8 FOR NOT MORE THAN 10 YEARS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000.00, OR  
9 BOTH.

10 (D) IF THE VIOLATION RESULTS IN THE DEATH OF THE CHILD, THE  
11 PERSON IS GUILTY OF A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT  
12 MORE THAN 15 YEARS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$10,000.00, OR BOTH.

13 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

14 (A) "CHILD" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL LESS THAN 6 YEARS OF AGE.

15 (B) "PHYSICAL HARM" AND "SERIOUS PHYSICAL HARM" MEAN THOSE  
16 TERMS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 136B.

17 (C) "UNATTENDED" MEANS ALONE OR WITHOUT THE SUPERVISION OF AN  
18 INDIVIDUAL 13 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHO IS NOT LEGALLY  
19 INCAPACITATED.

20 (D) "VEHICLE" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 79 OF THE  
21 MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.79.