

HOUSE BILL NO. 6014

September 26, 2024, Introduced by Reps. Edwards, Rheingans, Paiz, Brenda Carter, Morgan, Andrews, Byrnes, Breen, Arbit, Dievendorf, Rogers, Hope, Conlin and Young and referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 389, entitled

"An act to provide for the prevention and treatment of domestic and sexual violence; to develop and establish policies, procedures, and standards for providing domestic and sexual violence assistance programs and services; to declare the powers and duties of the Michigan domestic and sexual violence prevention and treatment board; to establish a domestic violence prevention and treatment fund and provide for its use; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; to prescribe immunities and liabilities of certain persons and officials; and to prescribe penalties for violations of this act,"

by amending sections 1 and 7 (MCL 400.1501 and 400.1507), section 1

as amended by 2023 PA 182.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Board" means the Michigan domestic and sexual violence
3 prevention and treatment board created under Executive Order No.
4 2012-17.

5 **(b) "Common household pet" means a domesticated animal,**
6 **including, but not limited to, a dog or a cat, that is commonly**
7 **kept in a home for pleasure and that is not kept in the home for**
8 **commercial purposes.**

9 (c) ~~(b)~~—"Dating relationship" means frequent, intimate
10 associations primarily characterized by the expectation of
11 affectional involvement. Dating relationship does not include a
12 casual relationship or an ordinary fraternization between 2
13 individuals in a business or social context.

14 (d) ~~(e)~~—"Department" means the department of health and human
15 services.

16 (e) ~~(d)~~—"Domestic violence" means the occurrence of any of the
17 following acts by an individual that is not an act of self-defense:

18 (i) Causing or attempting to cause physical or mental harm to a
19 family or household member.

20 (ii) Placing a family or household member in fear of physical
21 or mental harm.

22 (iii) Causing or attempting to cause a family or household
23 member to engage in involuntary sexual activity by force, threat of
24 force, or duress.

25 (iv) Engaging in activity toward a family or household member
26 that would cause a reasonable individual to feel terrorized,
27 frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed, or molested.

1 **(f)** ~~(e)~~—"Family or household member" includes any of the
2 following:

3 (i) A spouse or former spouse.

4 (ii) An individual with whom the person resides or has resided.

5 (iii) An individual with whom the person has or has had a dating
6 relationship.

7 (iv) An individual with whom the person is or has engaged in a
8 sexual relationship.

9 (v) An individual to whom the person is related or was
10 formerly related by marriage.

11 (vi) An individual with whom the person has a child in common.

12 (vii) The minor child of an individual described in
13 subparagraphs (i) to (vi).

14 **(g)** ~~(f)~~—"Fund" means the domestic violence prevention and
15 treatment fund created in section 5.

16 **(h)** ~~(g)~~—"Prime sponsor" means a county, city, village, or
17 township of this state, or a combination thereof, a federally
18 recognized Indian tribe that has trust land located within this
19 state, or a private, nonprofit association or organization.

20 Sec. 7. (1) A prime sponsor may receive funds under this act
21 to establish or maintain a shelter program for victims of domestic
22 violence and their dependent children **and common household pets**.

23 Emergency shelter may be provided directly at a facility operated
24 by the prime sponsor or indirectly at transient or residential
25 facilities available in the community. A shelter program shall
26 either provide not less than 3 of the following services or assist
27 the victim in obtaining information and referral services to not
28 less than 3 of the following services:

29 (a) Crisis and support counseling for victims of domestic

1 violence and their dependent children.

2 (b) Emergency health care services.

3 (c) Legal assistance.

4 (d) Financial assistance.

5 (e) Housing assistance.

6 (f) Transportation assistance.

7 (g) Child care services.

8 (2) To the extent possible, a prime sponsor ~~which~~**that**
9 establishes a shelter program under this section shall utilize
10 services provided by county community mental health programs
11 established under ~~chapter 2 of Act No. 258 of the Public Acts of~~
12 ~~1974, as amended, being sections 330.1200 to 330.1246 of the~~
13 ~~Michigan Compiled Laws.~~**sections 200a to 245 of the mental health**
14 **code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1200a to 330.1245.**