

SENATE BILL NO. 620

October 26, 2023, Introduced by Senators MCBROOM, HOITENGA, BELLINO and LINDSEY
and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 2670.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 2670. (1) A person shall not conduct pathogen enhancement**
2 **engineering or research.**

3 **(2) A person that violates subsection (1) is guilty of a**
4 **felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5 years, a fine**
5 **of not more than \$100,000.00, or both.**

1 (3) If an individual reports conduct to the department that
2 leads to the discovery that another person is violating subsection
3 (1), the department shall reward that individual with \$50,000.00.

4 (4) The department shall notify individuals who are employed
5 by biological research facilities of the potential for a reward
6 under subsection (3). The department shall also create and
7 distribute to individuals described under this subsection education
8 materials that include the Biological Weapons Convention Treaty and
9 18 USC 175.

10 (5) As used in this section:

11 (a) "Pathogen enhancement engineering or research" means the
12 act of altering a naturally or synthetically derived pathogen to
13 enhance environmental persistence, transmissibility, pathogenicity,
14 infectivity, or virulence.

15 (b) "Person" means that term as defined in section 1106 or a
16 governmental entity.