

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4645

June 12, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Aragona, Johnsen, Rigas, Kunse, Martin and Tsernoglou and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 37 of chapter XVII (MCL 777.37), as amended by 2015 PA 137.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1 CHAPTER XVII

2 Sec. 37. (1) Offense variable 7 is aggravated physical abuse.  
3 Score offense variable 7 by determining which of the following  
4 apply and by assigning the number of points attributable to the 1  
5 that has the highest number of points:

1 (a) A victim was treated with sadism, torture,  
 2 excessive brutality, or similarly egregious conduct  
 3 designed to substantially increase the fear and anxiety a  
 4 victim suffered during the offense 50 points

5 (b) **A companion animal was treated with sadism,**  
 6 **torture, excessive brutality, or similarly egregious**  
 7 **conduct designed to substantially increase the fear and**  
 8 **anxiety a companion animal suffered during the offense 25 points**

9 (c) ~~(b)~~ **No victim or companion animal** was treated  
 10 with sadism, torture, excessive brutality, or similarly  
 11 egregious conduct designed to substantially increase the  
 12 fear and anxiety a victim suffered during the offense 0 points

13 (2) ~~Count~~ **Assign points for each person or companion animal**  
 14 **who was placed in danger of injury or loss of life. as a victim.**

15 (3) As used in this section, "sadism" means conduct that  
 16 subjects a victim **or companion animal** to extreme or prolonged pain  
 17 or humiliation and is inflicted to produce suffering or for the  
 18 offender's gratification.

19 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
 20 unless all of the following bills of the 103rd Legislature are  
 21 enacted into law:

22 (a) House Bill No. 4646 (request no. H02034'25).

23 (b) House Bill No. 4651 (request no. H02052'25).