

HOUSE BILL No. 6280

November 14, 1990, Introduced by Rep. Martin and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend the title and sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Act No. 32 of the Public Acts of 1989, entitled

"An act to establish a McGruff house/child watch program; to prescribe the powers and duties of the department of state police and certain other agencies and organizations; and to prescribe penalties,"

being sections 722.11, 722.12, 722.13, and 722.14 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. The title and sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Act
2 No. 32 of the Public Acts of 1989, being sections 722.11, 722.12,
3 722.13, and 722.14 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, are amended to
4 read as follows:

5 TITLE

6 An act to establish ~~a~~ THE McGruff ~~house/child~~ HOUSE
7 PROGRAM AND MICHIGAN CHILD watch, INC. program; to prescribe the

1 powers and duties of the department of state police and certain
2 other agencies and organizations; and to prescribe penalties.

3 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

4 (a) ~~"McGruff/child"~~ "MCGRUFF HOUSE OR MICHIGAN CHILD watch,
5 INC. house" means a house, designated by a sign bearing the stan-
6 dard McGruff ~~house/child~~ HOUSE OR MICHIGAN CHILD watch, INC.
7 symbol, occupied by a responsible adult, where a child may seek
8 help when he or she faces an emergency such as being bullied,
9 followed, threatened, or hurt while walking or playing in the
10 neighborhood.

11 (b) "Program", except as used in subdivision (c), means
12 McGruff ~~house/child~~ HOUSE PROGRAM OR MICHIGAN CHILD watch, INC.
13 program.

14 (c) "Standard McGruff ~~house/child~~ HOUSE OR MICHIGAN CHILD
15 watch, INC. symbol" means the standard symbol to designate a
16 ~~McGruff/child~~ MCGRUFF HOUSE OR MICHIGAN CHILD watch, INC.
17 house, ~~designed or~~ adopted pursuant to section 2(1)(b), except
18 that until ~~the expiration of 2 years after the effective date of~~
19 ~~this act~~ MAY 26, 1991, THE standard McGruff ~~house/child~~ HOUSE
20 OR MICHIGAN CHILD watch, INC. symbol ~~includes~~ MAY INCLUDE a
21 symbol that before and on ~~the effective date of this act~~ MAY
22 26, 1989 was used by ~~an existing~~ A neighborhood safe house pro-
23 gram to designate a neighborhood safe house similar to a
24 ~~McGruff/child~~ MCGRUFF HOUSE OR MICHIGAN CHILD watch, INC. house
25 within that program.

26 Sec. 2. (1) The department of state police, in cooperation
27 with the Michigan sheriffs' association, the Michigan association

1 of chiefs of police, the crime prevention association of
2 Michigan, and the child watch association shall do all of the
3 following:

4 (a) Develop guidelines for the establishment and operation
5 of McGruff ~~house/child~~ HOUSE OR MICHIGAN CHILD watch, INC.
6 programs.

7 (b) ~~Design or adopt a~~ ADOPT standard ~~symbol~~ SYMBOLS and
8 ~~sign to be used statewide by~~ SIGNS FOR THE McGruff
9 ~~house/child~~ HOUSE PROGRAM OR MICHIGAN CHILD watch, INC. pro-
10 grams AS STATEWIDE SYMBOLS FOR THE PROGRAMS. ~~to designate a~~
11 ~~McGruff house/child watch house. The sign shall be one that is~~
12 ~~not easily reproduced and is easily seen from a distance.~~ THE
13 LOCAL SPONSOR MAY CHOOSE EITHER PROGRAM. The signs FOR BOTH
14 PROGRAMS shall be numbered and made available at cost to local
15 law enforcement agencies sponsoring or cooperating with a sponsor
16 of ~~a~~ THE SELECTED program.

17 (c) Develop or adopt a model application form for designa-
18 tion of a home as a ~~McGruff/child~~ MCGRUFF HOUSE OR MICHIGAN
19 CHILD watch, INC. house.

20 (d) Make information available to nonprofit organizations,
21 school districts, business entities, and local law enforcement
22 agencies concerning the program.

23 (e) Publicize the program in as many ways as is reasonably
24 practical.

25 (f) Cooperate with local law enforcement agencies in con-
26 ducting background checks on persons who apply to have their

1 homes designated as ~~McGruff/child~~ MCGRUFF HOUSES OR MICHIGAN
2 CHILD watch, INC. houses.

3 (2) The department of state police may promulgate rules pur-
4 suant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, Act No. 306
5 of the Public Acts of 1969, being sections 24.201 to 24.328 of
6 the Michigan Compiled Laws, to implement this act.

7 Sec. 3. (1) A local law enforcement agency, or a school
8 district, nonprofit organization, or business entity in coopera-
9 tion with a local law enforcement agency, may sponsor a program.

10 (2) A program sponsor shall supply a numbered sign bearing
11 the standard McGruff ~~house/child~~ HOUSE OR MICHIGAN CHILD watch,
12 INC. symbol to a person in the community who applies for designa-
13 tion of his or her home as a ~~McGruff/child~~ MCGRUFF HOUSE OR
14 MICHIGAN CHILD watch, INC. house, if the person agrees in writing
15 to follow the terms of the program and if the person and any
16 other adult residing in the person's home passes a background
17 check conducted by a local law enforcement agency.

18 (3) A program sponsor shall keep a register of the
19 ~~McGruff/child~~ MCGRUFF HOUSES AND MICHIGAN CHILD watch, INC.
20 houses within the program.

21 (4) A local law enforcement agency that sponsors a program
22 or agrees to cooperate with a nonprofit organization, school dis-
23 trict, or business entity that sponsors a program shall conduct a
24 background check, including a criminal history check, on each
25 person who applies to have his or her home designated as a
26 ~~McGruff/child~~ MCGRUFF HOUSE OR MICHIGAN CHILD watch, INC. house
27 and on each adult residing in the person's home.

1 Sec. 4. (1) A person shall not display a sign bearing the
2 standard McGruff ~~house/child~~ HOUSE OR MICHIGAN CHILD watch,
3 INC. symbol so that the sign is visible from the outside of the
4 person's house unless the person's home has been approved as a
5 ~~McGruff/child~~ MCGRUFF HOUSE OR MICHIGAN CHILD watch, INC. house
6 by a program sponsor.

7 (2) ~~A McGruff/child~~ THE MCGRUFF HOUSE AND MICHIGAN CHILD
8 watch, INC. house ~~sign is~~ SIGNS ARE the property of the local
9 law enforcement agency that sponsors or cooperates with the spon-
10 sor of the program that issued the sign. If the sponsor deter-
11 mines that a person's home no longer qualifies as a
12 ~~McGruff/child~~ MCGRUFF HOUSE AND MICHIGAN CHILD watch, INC.
13 house, the person shall return the sign to the local law enforce-
14 ment agency.

15 (3) A person who violates this section is guilty of a
16 misdemeanor, PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 90
17 DAYS, OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$100.00, OR BOTH.