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CRIMES AGAINST SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill 4881

Sponsor: Rep. Agnes Dobronski

Committee: Judiciary

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4881 AS INTRODUCED 5-28-91

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to establish mandatory minimum penalties for repeat offenders of certain crimes in which the victims were elderly people (the bill would define an "elderly person" as someone 60 years of age or older). The offenses to which the bill would apply would be burning of a dwelling; assault with intent to commit murder; assault with intent to rob (whether armed or unarmed); attempted murder; breaking and entering; making threats to extort money; second degree murder; confining a person against his or her will; first-, second- and third-degree criminal sexual conduct; armed robbery; and unarmed robbery.

When a person was convicted of one of the above offenses in which the victim was an elderly person, and the person had one or more prior convictions for any of those offenses in which the victim was an elderly person, the following mandatory minimum penalties would apply: with one prior conviction, five years; with two prior convictions, ten years; with three prior convictions, life. Maximum terms would be as provided by law for the offense in question.

A mandatory term imposed by the bill could not be suspended, and a person would not be eligible for probation or parole during that term. A sentence imposed under the bill would run consecutively with any other sentence arising out of the same occurrence.

MCL 750.72 et al.