

HOUSE BILL No. 4510

March 11, 1991, Introduced by Reps. Martin, Ciaramitaro, Brackenridge and Dalman 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 THE MICHIGAN CHILD watch, INC. program; to prescribe

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

4 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

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

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

15 (c) "Standard McGruff ~~house/child~~ HOUSE SYMBOL" OR
16 "STANDARD MICHIGAN CHILD watch, INC. symbol" means the standard
17 symbol to designate a ~~McGruff/child~~ MCGRUFF HOUSE OR MICHIGAN
18 CHILD watch, INC. house, ~~designed or~~ adopted pursuant to
19 section 2(1)(b), except that until ~~the expiration of 2 years~~
20 ~~after the effective date of this act~~ MAY 27, 1991, THE standard
21 McGruff ~~house/child~~ HOUSE SYMBOL OR STANDARD MICHIGAN CHILD
22 watch, INC. symbol ~~includes~~ MAY INCLUDE a symbol that before
23 and on ~~the effective date of this act~~ MAY 26, 1989 was used by
24 ~~an existing~~ A neighborhood safe house program to designate a
25 neighborhood safe house similar to a ~~McGruff/child~~ MCGRUFF
26 HOUSE OR MICHIGAN CHILD watch, INC. house within that program.

1 Sec. 2. (1) The department of state police, in cooperation
2 with the Michigan sheriffs' association, the Michigan association
3 of chiefs of police, the crime prevention association of
4 Michigan, and the child watch association shall do all of the
5 following:

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

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

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

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

25 (e) Publicize the program in as many ways as is reasonably
26 practical.

1 (f) Cooperate with local law enforcement agencies in
2 conducting background checks on persons who apply to have their
3 homes designated as ~~McGruff/child~~ MCGRUFF HOUSES OR MICHIGAN
4 CHILD watch, INC. houses.

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

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

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

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

24 (4) A local law enforcement agency that sponsors a program
25 or agrees to cooperate with a nonprofit organization, school dis-
26 trict, or business entity that sponsors a program shall conduct a
27 background check, including a criminal history check, on each

1 person who applies to have his or her home designated as a
2 ~~McGruff/child~~ MCGRUFF HOUSE OR MICHIGAN CHILD watch, INC. house
3 and on each adult residing in the person's home.

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

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

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