

# HOUSE BILL No. 6137

September 24, 1992, Introduced by Reps. Gubow, Jondahl, Yokich and DeMars and referred to the Committee on Mental Health.

A bill to amend Act No. 258 of the Public Acts of 1974, entitled as amended "Mental health code," as amended, being sections 330.1001 to 330.2106 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, by adding section 143b.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Act No. 258 of the Public Acts of 1974, as  
2 amended, being sections 330.1001 to 330.2106 of the Michigan  
3 Compiled Laws, is amended by adding section 143b to read as  
4 follows:

5 SEC. 143B. (1) A LICENSEE OR A PERSON ACTING ON BEHALF OF  
6 OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF A LICENSEE SHALL NOT PAY OR GIVE, OR OFFER  
7 TO PAY OR GIVE, ANY MONEY OR OTHER CONSIDERATION OR THING OF  
8 VALUE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO A PERSON IN RETURN FOR A  
9 REFERRAL OF A PATIENT.

1       (2) A LICENSEE WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION, OR ON WHOSE BEHALF  
2 OR FOR WHOSE BENEFIT A PERSON VIOLATES THIS SECTION, SHALL FOR  
3 THE FIRST VIOLATION BE SUBJECT TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE FINE EQUAL TO  
4 3 TIMES THE AMOUNT PAID FOR THE REFERRAL. A LICENSEE WHO FAILS  
5 TO PAY THE ADMINISTRATIVE FINE TO THE DEPARTMENT OR WHO VIOLATES,  
6 OR ON WHOSE BEHALF OR FOR WHOSE BENEFIT A PERSON VIOLATES, THIS  
7 SECTION A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT TIME SHALL HAVE ITS LICENSE SUS-  
8 PENDED FOR AT LEAST 1 MONTH PURSUANT TO SECTION 144.