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ARSON - NO PAROLE

House Bill 4043

Sponsor: Rep. Joseph Young, Jr.
Committee: Judiciary

House Bill 4044

Sponsor: Rep. Joseph Young, Jr.
Committee: Corrections

Complete to 2-17-93

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4043 AND 4044 AS INTRODUCED 2-2-93

House Bills 4043 and 4044 would amend the Michigan Penal Code (MCL 750.73a) and the Department of Corrections act (MCL 791.234), respectively, to impose a penalty of life imprisonment without parole for arson that caused a death. The bills are tie-barred to each other.

House Bill 4043 would amend the Penal Code to specify that a person who willfully or maliciously burned a building or other real property, causing the death of a person, would be guilty of a felony punishable by life in prison without parole. Under the bill, the term of imprisonment could not be suspended.

House Bill 4044 would amend the Department of Corrections act to conform to the requirements of House Bill 4043. Currently, under the act, a prisoner who has been sentenced to life imprisonment for murder in the first degree, or for a major controlled substance offense, is not eligible for parole. The bill would include under this provision a prisoner sentenced for arson that resulted in the death of another individual.

House Bills 4043 and 4044 (2-17-93)