

Act No. 56
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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**Introduced by Reps. McManus, Llewellyn, Goschka, Bender, DeLange, London, Middaugh, Brackenridge,
Jaye and Crissman**

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4627

AN ACT to amend section 13 of Act No. 238 of the Public Acts of 1975, entitled as amended "An act to require the reporting of child abuse and neglect by certain persons; to permit the reporting of child abuse and neglect by all persons; to provide for the protection of children who are abused or neglected; to authorize limited detainment in protective custody; to authorize medical examinations; to prescribe the powers and duties of the state department of social services to prevent child abuse and neglect; to prescribe certain powers and duties of local law enforcement agencies; to safeguard and enhance the welfare of children and preserve family life; to provide for the appointment of legal counsel; to provide for the abrogation of privileged communications; to provide civil and criminal immunity for certain persons; to provide rules of evidence in certain cases; to provide for confidentiality of records; to provide for the expungement of certain records; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," as amended by Act No. 387 of the Public Acts of 1988, being section 722.633 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. Section 13 of Act No. 238 of the Public Acts of 1975, as amended by Act No. 387 of the Public Acts of 1988, being section 722.633 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 13. (1) A person who is required by this act to report an instance of suspected child abuse or neglect and who fails to do so is civilly liable for the damages proximately caused by the failure.

(2) A person who is required by this act to report an instance of suspected child abuse or neglect and who knowingly fails to do so is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(3) Except as provided in section 7, a person who disseminates, or who permits or encourages the dissemination of, information contained in the central registry and in reports and records made pursuant to this act is guilty of a misdemeanor and is civilly liable for the damages proximately caused by the dissemination.

(4) A person who willfully maintains a report or record required to be expunged under section 7(3) is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(5) A person who knowingly and maliciously makes a false report of child abuse or neglect under this act is guilty of a misdemeanor.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Co-Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Secretary of the Senate.

Approved -----

Governor.