

HOUSE BILL No. 4213

February 11, 1993, Introduced by Reps. Joe Young, Jr. and Joe Young, Sr. and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

A bill to amend the title of Act No. 106 of the Public Acts of 1963, entitled

"An act to define, control and prohibit the littering of public and private property and waters; to prescribe penalties for violation of this act; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts,"

as amended, being sections 752.901 to 752.906 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to add section 1b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Section 1. The title of Act No. 106 of the Public Acts of
- 2 1963, as amended, being sections 752.901 to 752.906 of the
- 3 Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended and section 1b is added to
- 4 read as follows:
- 5 TITLE
- An act to define, control, and prohibit the littering of
- 7 public and private property and waters; to prescribe penalties

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- 1 for violation of this act AND PROVIDE REMEDIES; and to repeal
- 2 certain acts and parts of acts.
- 3 SEC. 1B. (1) AN OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
- 4 SHALL NOT KNOWINGLY ACCUMULATE, OR ALLOW TO ACCUMULATE, WASTE OR
- 5 SCRAP OUTDOORS ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.
- 6 (2) A PERSON MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST AN OWNER OR
- 7 OCCUPANT OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY VIOLATING SUBSECTION (1) FOR
- 8 DAMAGES OR EQUITABLE RELIEF, OR BOTH. A PERSON MAY SEEK A COURT
- 9 ORDER TO COMPEL AN OWNER OR OCCUPANT TO PROPERLY REMOVE WASTE OR
- 10 SCRAP ACCUMULATED IN VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (1).
- 11 (3) AN OWNER OR OCCUPANT WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH A COURT
- 12 ORDER ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE CONTEMPT POWERS
- 13 OF THE COURT AND IS PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN
- 14 6 MONTHS, OR BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00, OR BOTH.
- 15 (4) THE COURT MAY AWARD A PLAINTIFF WHO PREVAILS IN AN
- 16 ACTION FILED UNDER THIS SECTION REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND
- 17 COSTS.
- 18 (5) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:
- 19 (A) "SCRAP" MEANS AN ITEM OTHER THAN WASTE THAT IS DAMAGED,
- 20 DETERIORATED, OR IN A CONDITION SUCH THAT THE ITEM CANNOT BE USED
- 21 FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE ITEM WAS MANUFACTURED AND MAY
- 22 INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:
- 23 (i) A MOTOR VEHICLE.
- 24 (ii) MACHINERY.
- 25 (iii) AN APPLIANCE.
- 26 (iv) FURNITURE.

(B) "WASTE" MEANS TRASH OR GARBAGE DESTINED FOR DISPOSAL OR 2 INCINERATION.