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CRIMINALIZE TREE SPIKING

House Bill 4003

Sponsor: Rep. David Anthony

Committee: Agriculture & Forestry

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4003 AS INTRODUCED 1-11-95

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to provide criminal penalties for someone who inserted various hard objects into a tree or saw log, without an owner's consent, in order to damage saws or equipment used to manufacture or process wood and purposely disrupt, annoy, or alarm another person. Under the bill, someone who violated the bill would be guilty of a misdemeanor and could be imprisoned up to 90 days, fined up to \$500, or both. Someone who violated the bill and, in the process, injured or killed another person would be guilty of a felony and, in the case of an injury, could be imprisoned up to four years, fined up to \$2,500, or both; or, if someone were killed, could be imprisoned up to 15 years, fined up to \$7,500, or both. The bill would not prevent someone who had violated the bill from being charged with, convicted of, or punished for violating another law, and would not prohibit a landowner from providing for an "alarm system" (not defined by the bill) to be attached to a tree on his or her property.

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