HOUSE BILL No. 4146

February 3, 1999, Introduced by Rep. Jamnick and referred to the Committee on Criminal Law and Corrections.

A bill to amend 1984 PA 118, entitled "The prisoner reimbursement to the county act," by amending section 7 (MCL 801.87), as amended by 1996 PA 544.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 7. (1) Within 12 NOT MORE THAN 24 months after the
- 2 release from a county jail of a sentenced prisoner or a pretrial
- 3 detainee whose prosecution resulted in conviction for a felony,
- 4 an attorney for that county may file a civil action to seek reim-
- 5 bursement from that person for maintenance and support of that
- 6 person while he or she is or was confined in the jail, or for any
- 7 other expense for which the county may be reimbursed under sec-
- 8 tion 3, as provided in this section and sections 8 to 10.
- 9 (2) A civil action brought under this act shall be
- 10 instituted in the name of the county in which WHERE the jail is
- 11 located and shall state the following, as applicable:

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- 1 (a) In the case of a prisoner sentenced to the jail, the
- 2 date and place of sentence, the length of time set forth in the
- 3 sentence, the length of time actually served, and the amount or
- 4 amounts due to the county pursuant to UNDER section 3.
- 5 (b) In the case of a person imprisoned as a pretrial
- 6 detainee on a charge or charges that resulted in conviction for a
- 7 felony, the length of pretrial detention and the amount or
- 8 amounts due to the county pursuant to UNDER section 3.
- 9 (3) Before entering any AN order on behalf of the county
- 10 against the defendant, the court shall take into consideration
- 11 any legal obligation of the defendant to support a spouse, minor
- 12 children, or other dependents and any moral obligation to support
- 13 dependents to whom the defendant is providing or has in fact pro-
- 14 vided support.
- 15 (4) The court may enter a money judgment against the
- 16 defendant and may order that the defendant's property is liable
- 17 for reimbursement for maintenance and support of the defendant as
- 18 a prisoner and for other expenses reimbursable under section 3.