



# HOUSE BILL No. 5208

December 10, 1999, Introduced by Rep. Richner and referred to the Committee on Family and Civil Law.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled  
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"  
(MCL 600.101 to 600.9948) by adding section 2969.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1        SEC. 2969. (1) A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT THAT INCURS THE COST OF  
2 OR IS BILLED FOR A SEARCH, RESCUE, OR BOTH, OF 1 OF ITS RESIDENTS  
3 WHO IS 10 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER MAY SEEK REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE  
4 ACTUAL COST INCURRED FROM THE RESIDENT IF THE NEED FOR THE  
5 SEARCH, RESCUE, OR BOTH, NECESSITATED THE USE OF EXTRAORDINARY  
6 METHODS AND WAS CAUSED BY 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

7            (A) THE RESIDENT'S INTENTIONAL ACT IN KNOWING VIOLATION OF A  
8 FEDERAL OR STATE LAW OR LOCAL ORDINANCE.

9            (B) AN ACT OR OMISSION BY THE PERSON SEARCHED FOR OR  
10 RESCUED, OR BOTH, THAT SHOWS WANTON AND RECKLESS MISCONDUCT IN  
11 DISREGARD FOR HIS OR HER SAFETY.

1           (2) THE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT SHALL NOT COLLECT THE COSTS  
2 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) FROM A PERSON WHO THE GOVERNMENTAL  
3 UNIT DETERMINES IS UNABLE TO PAY THE COSTS.

4           (3) THE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT SHALL NOT COLLECT MORE THAN  
5 \$1,000.00 FROM A RESIDENT UNDER THIS SECTION.

6           (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

7           (A) "GOVERNMENTAL UNIT" MEANS A DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY OF THIS  
8 STATE OR OF ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE, INCLUDING,  
9 BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A COUNTY, CITY, TOWNSHIP, OR VILLAGE.

10          (B) "PERSON" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL.