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INCREASED PENALTIES FOR CRIMES AGAINST VULNERABLE ADULTS

House Bill 4247

Sponsor: Rep. Mike Kowall

First Committee: Criminal Justice

Second Committee: Senior Health,
Security and Retirement

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4247 AS INTRODUCED 2-14-01

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to specify that, notwithstanding any other provision of the act, a court could order a person convicted of a crime against certain vulnerable persons to pay a fine that is double the fine otherwise authorized, or, if the crime was not otherwise punishable by a fine, to pay a fine in the amount listed below. The bill would apply when the victim of the crime was a resident or patient of a nursing home, home for the aged, county medical care facility, or adult foster care facility.

For crimes not otherwise punishable by a fine, the fines (in addition to any authorized penalty) would be as follows:

- * for a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for less than six months, a fine of up to \$200;
- * for a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for six months, a fine of up to \$500;
- * for a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for one year, a fine of up to \$1,000;
- * for a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for more than one year and up to two years, or for a felony punishable by imprisonment for up to two years, a fine of up to \$2,000;
- * for a felony punishable by imprisonment for two to four years, a fine of up to \$4,000;
- * for a felony punishable by imprisonment for five years, a fine of up to \$5,000; and
- * for a felony punishable by imprisonment for more than five years, a fine of up to \$10,000.

The bill would apply to violations committed on or after the effective date of the bill.

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