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SHORT TITLE FOR DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ACT

House Bill 5102 as introduced
First Analysis (10-3-01)

Sponsor: Rep. Jennifer Faunce
Committee: Criminal Justice

THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

Public Act 232 of 1953 is commonly referred to as the Department of Corrections Act because it provides, among other things, for the administration of correctional institutions; the creation of the Department of Corrections; and the regulations pertaining to probation, parole, and pardons. However, its official title is quite long. Since P.A. 232 is often referenced in other legislation and documents pertaining to corrections, it has been suggested that the act be given a short title.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

Public Act 232 of 1953 provides, among other things, for the administration of correctional institutions and the creation of the Department of Corrections. House Bill 5102 specifies that Public Act 232 of 1953 would be known, and could be cited, as the "Corrections Code of 1953".

MCL 791.1a

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

According to the House Fiscal Agency, the bill would have no significant fiscal implications for the state or local units of government. (10-1-01)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

There has been a long standing practice of giving public acts a short title, especially those that create a state department or agency and those acts which are likely to be amended often or referenced in other statutes and documents. Some examples of short titles for public acts include the Insurance Code, Liquor Control Code, and Public Health Code. The official title of Public Act 232 of 1953 is quite long, leaving people either to cite the statute by its public act number and year of enactment or to call it by its "popular" name – the Department of Corrections Act. Since P.A. 232 is often referenced in other statutes

and in writings pertaining to the field of corrections, it makes sense to give the act an official name and let it be known as the Corrections Code of 1953.

POSITIONS:

The Department of Corrections supports the bill.
(10-2-01)

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