

## CONTRACTORS: MISREPRESENTATION



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FISCAL ANALYSIS

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### HOUSE BILL 6239 AS INTRODUCED

**Sponsor:** Rep. Randy Richardville

**House Committee:** Criminal Justice

### COMMITTEE ANALYSIS - 9/17/02

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### SUMMARY

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to make it a felony for a licensed contractor to knowingly coerce or assist a person earning wages to falsely declare himself or herself to be an independent contractor. Violation of the bill would be punishable by imprisonment for up to four years, by a fine of up to \$2,000, or both. The bill thus could increase state or local correctional costs, depending on how it affected numbers of felony convictions and sentences to probation, jail, or prison. To the extent that the bill increased collections of penal fines, it would increase penal fine revenues going to local libraries, which are the constitutionally-designated recipients of those revenues.