

# HOUSE BILL No. 5269

(As amended October 25, 2001)

October 17, 2001, Introduced by Reps. McConico, Birkholz, Woronchak, Allen, Vander Veen, Jelinek, Pumford, Meyer, Middaugh, Toy, Newell, Scranton, Cassis, Shackleton, Richardville, Patterson, Kuipers, Gilbert, Sanborn and DeVuyst and referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled  
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"  
(MCL 600.101 to 600.9948) by adding section 2972.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 2972. (1) WHEN CONSIDERING A MOTION TO SEAL COURT  
2 RECORDS IN A CIVIL OR CRIMINAL MATTER INVOLVING AN ALLEGATION OF  
3 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER THE SAFETY OF ANY  
4 ALLEGED VICTIM OR POTENTIAL VICTIM OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN  
5 DETERMINING WHETHER GOOD CAUSE FOR SEALING THE RECORDS HAS BEEN  
6 SHOWN.

7 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE" MEANS THAT  
8 TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1 OF 1978 PA 389, MCL 400.1501.

[Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect April 1,  
2002.]