HOUSE BILL No. 6177

June 5, 2002, Introduced by Reps. Thomas, Kolb, Williams, Spade, Schauer, Gieleghem, Hale, Zelenko and Dennis and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

A bill to amend 1993 PA 92, entitled "Seller disclosure act,"

by amending section 7 (MCL 565.957), as amended by 2000 PA 13.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 7. (1) The disclosures required by this act shall be 2 made on the following form:
- 3 SELLER'S DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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4 Property Address:_ Street 6 Michigan City, Village, or Township 8 Purpose of Statement: This statement is a disclosure of the con-9 dition of the property in compliance with the seller disclosure This statement is a disclosure of the condition and

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- 1 information concerning the property, known by the seller. Unless
- 2 otherwise advised, the seller does not possess any expertise in
- 3 construction, architecture, engineering, or any other specific
- 4 area related to the construction or condition of the improvements
- 5 on the property or the land. Also, unless otherwise advised, the
- 6 seller has not conducted any inspection of generally inaccessible
- 7 areas such as the foundation or roof. This statement is not a
- 8 warranty of any kind by the seller or by any agent representing
- 9 the seller in this transaction, and is not a substitute for any
- 10 inspections or warranties the buyer may wish to obtain.
- 11 Seller's Disclosure: The seller discloses the following informa-
- 12 tion with the knowledge that even though this is not a warranty,
- 13 the seller specifically makes the following representations based
- 14 on the seller's knowledge at the signing of this document. Upon
- 15 receiving this statement from the seller, the seller's agent is
- 16 required to provide a copy to the buyer or the agent of the
- 17 buyer. The seller authorizes its agent(s) to provide a copy of
- 18 this statement to any prospective buyer in connection with any
- 19 actual or anticipated sale of property. The following are repre-
- 20 sentations made solely by the seller and are not the representa-
- 21 tions of the seller's agent(s), if any. This information is a
- 22 disclosure only and is not intended to be a part of any contract
- 23 between buyer and seller.
- 24 Instructions to the Seller: (1) Answer ALL questions. (2) Report
- 25 known conditions affecting the property. (3) Attach additional
- 26 pages with your signature if additional space is required. (4)
- 27 Complete this form yourself. (5) If some items do not apply to

- 1 your property, check NOT AVAILABLE. If you do not know the
- 2 facts, check UNKNOWN. FAILURE TO PROVIDE A PURCHASER WITH A
- 3 SIGNED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WILL ENABLE A PURCHASER TO TERMINATE
- 4 AN OTHERWISE BINDING PURCHASE AGREEMENT.
- 5 Appliances/Systems/Services: The items below are in working order
- 6 (the items below are included in the sale of the property only if
- 7 the purchase agreement so provides):

8		Yes	No	Unknown	Not
9					Avail-
10					able
11	Range/Oven				
12	Dishwasher				
13	Refrigerator				
14	Hood/fan				
15	Disposal				
16	TV antenna, TV rotor & controls				
17	Electrical system				

1	Garage door opener & remote control	 	
2	Alarm system	 	
3	Intercom	 	
4	Central vacuum	 	
5	Attic fan	 	
6	Pool heater, wall liner & equipment	 	
7	Microwave	 	
8	Trash compactor	 	
9	Ceiling fan	 	
10	Sauna/hot tub	 	
11	Washer	 	
12	Dryer	 	
13	Lawn sprinkler system	 	

1	Water heater	 	
2	Plumbing system	 	
3	Water softener/conditioner	 	
4	Well & pump	 	
5	Septic tank & drain field	 	
6	Sump pump	 	
7	City Water System	 	
8	City Sewer System	 	
9	Central air conditioning	 	
10	Central heating system	 	
11	Wall furnace	 	
12	Humidifier	 	
13	Electronic air filter	 	

1	Sola	ar heating system			
2	Fire	eplace & chimney		<u>_</u>	
3	Wood	d burning system			
4	Expl	lanations (attach additional sheets if	necessary)	:	
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10	UNLE	ESS OTHERWISE AGREED, ALL HOUSEHOLD AP	PLIANCES AR	E SOLD	IN
11	. WORKING ORDER EXCEPT AS NOTED, WITHOUT WARRANTY BEYOND DATE OF				
12	CLOSING.				
13	Property conditions, improvements & additional information:				
14	1.	Basement/Crawl Space: Has there been	evidence of	water?	
15				yes	no
16		If yes, please explain:			
17	2.	Insulation: Describe, if known			
18		Urea Formaldehyde Foam Insulation (UF:	FI) is inst	alled?	
19			unknown	yes	no
20	3.	Roof: Leaks?		yes _ 1	no
21		Approximate age if known			

1	4.	Well: Type of well (depth/diameter, age, and repair history,
2		if known):
3		Has the water been tested? yes no
4		If yes, date of last report/results:
-		II yes, date of last report/results:
5	5.	Septic tanks/drain fields: Condition, if known:
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7	6.	Heating System: Type/approximate age:
8	7.	Plumbing system: Type: copper galvanized other
9		Any known problems?
		Any known problems.
10	8.	Electrical system: Any known problems?
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12	9.	History of infestation, if any: (termites, carpenter ants,
13		etc.)
14	10.	Environmental Problems: Are you aware of any substances,
15		materials, or products that may be an environmental hazard
16		such as, but not limited to, asbestos, radon gas,

1		formaldehyde, lead-based paint, fuel or chemical storage
2		tanks and contaminated soil on the property.
3		unknown yes no
4		If yes, please explain:
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6	11.	TOXIC MOLD: ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY TOXIC MOLD ON THE
7		PROPERTY?
8		IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:
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10	12.	11. Flood Insurance: Do you have flood insurance on the
11		property?
12		unknown yes no
13	13.	12. Mineral Rights: Do you own the mineral rights?
14		unknown yes no
15	Othe	er Items: Are you aware of any of the following:
16	1.	Features of the property shared in common with the adjoining
17	land	downers, such as walls, fences, roads and driveways, or other
18	feat	tures whose use or responsibility for maintenance may have an
19	effe	ect on the property?
20		unknown yes no

1	2. Any encroachments, easements, zoning violations, or
2	nonconforming uses?
3	unknown yes no
4	3. Any "common areas" (facilities like pools, tennis courts,
5	walkways, or other areas co-owned with others), or a homeowners'
6	association that has any authority over the property?
7	unknown yes no
8	4. Structural modifications, alterations, or repairs made with-
9	out necessary permits or licensed contractors?
10	unknown yes no
11	5. Settling, flooding, drainage, structural, or grading
12	problems?
13	unknown yes no
14	6. Major damage to the property from fire, wind, floods, or
15	landslides?
16	unknown yes no
17	7. Any underground storage tanks?
18	unknown yes no
19	8. Farm or farm operation in the vicinity; or proximity to a
20	landfill, airport, shooting range, etc.?
21	unknown yes no
22	9. Any outstanding utility assessments or fees, including any
23	natural gas main extension surcharge?
24	unknown yes no
25	10. Any outstanding municipal assessments or fees?
26	unknown yes no

1 11. Any pending litigation that could affect the property or the 2 seller's right to convey the property? 3 unknown __ yes __ no __ 4 If the answer to any of these questions is yes, please explain. 5 Attach additional sheets, if necessary:_____ 10 The seller has lived in the residence on the property from **11** _____ (date) to _____ (date). The seller has owned 12 the property since _____ (date). The seller has indicated 13 above the condition of all the items based on information known 14 to the seller. If any changes occur in the 15 structural/mechanical/appliance systems of this property from the 16 date of this form to the date of closing, seller will immediately 17 disclose the changes to buyer. In no event shall the parties 18 hold the broker liable for any representations not directly made 19 by the broker or broker's agent. 20 Seller certifies that the information in this statement is true 21 and correct to the best of seller's knowledge as of the date of 22 seller's signature. 23 BUYER SHOULD OBTAIN PROFESSIONAL 24 ADVICE AND INSPECTIONS OF THE 25 PROPERTY TO MORE FULLY DETERMINE THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY. 26

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2	BUYERS ARE ADVISED THAT CERTAIN
3	INFORMATION COMPILED PURSUANT TO THE
4	SEX OFFENDERS REGISTRATION ACT, 1994
5	PA 295, MCL 28.721 TO 28.732, IS
6	AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. BUYERS
7	SEEKING THAT INFORMATION SHOULD
8	CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL LAW
9	ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR SHERIFF'S
10	DEPARTMENT DIRECTLY.
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12	BUYER IS ADVISED THAT THE STATE
13	EQUALIZED VALUE OF THE PROPERTY,
14	HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION INFORMATION, AND
15	OTHER REAL PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION
16	IS AVAILABLE FROM THE APPROPRIATE
17	LOCAL ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. BUYER
18	SHOULD NOT ASSUME THAT BUYER'S
19	FUTURE TAX BILLS ON THE PROPERTY
20	WILL BE THE SAME AS THE SELLER'S
21	PRESENT TAX BILLS. UNDER MICHIGAN
22	LAW, REAL PROPERTY TAX OBLIGATIONS
23	CAN CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY WHEN
24	PROPERTY IS TRANSFERRED.
25 Seller	Date

1	Seller	Date	
2	Buyer has read and acknowl	edges receipt of	this statement.
3	BuyerDat	2	Time:
4	BuyerDat	e	Time:
5	(2) A form described	in subsection (1	l) printed before the
6	effective date of the -200	O 2001 amendato	ory act that amended
7	this subsection that was is	n compliance wit	th this section at that
8	time may be utilized and s	nall be consider	red in compliance with
9	this section until 90 days	after the effec	ctive date of the -2000

10 2001 amendatory act that amended this subsection.

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