

# HOUSE BILL No. 4214

February 13, 2003, Introduced by Reps. Caswell, Brandenburg, Nitz and Shaffer and referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice.

A bill to amend 1846 RS 171, entitled  
"Of county jails and the regulation thereof,"  
by amending section 4 (MCL 801.4), as amended by 1984 PA 119.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 4. (1) Except as provided in **subsection (2) and**  
2 sections 5 and 5a, all charges and expenses of safekeeping and  
3 maintaining prisoners and persons charged with an offense —  
4 shall be paid from the county treasury, **if** the accounts ~~therefor~~  
5 ~~being~~ **for those charges and settlements are** first settled and  
6 allowed by the county board of commissioners.

7       (2) If a prisoner or person charged with an offense receives  
8 medical care as an emergency patient, the county is liable for  
9 the payment of not more than \$250.00 for that emergency medical  
10 care. The county is not liable for payment of any amount for any  
11 other medical care or treatment administered to a prisoner or

1 person charged with an offense. As used in this subsection,  
2 "emergency patient" means an individual with a physical or mental  
3 condition that manifests itself by acute symptoms of sufficient  
4 severity, including, but not limited to, pain such that a prudent  
5 layperson, possessing average knowledge of health and medicine,  
6 could reasonably expect to result in 1 or all of the following:

7 (a) Placing the health of the individual or, in the case of a  
8 pregnant woman, the health of the patient or the unborn child, or  
9 both, in serious jeopardy.

10 (b) Serious impairment of bodily function.

11 (c) Serious dysfunction of a body organ or part.