

SENATE BILL No. 1315

June 20, 2006, Introduced by Senators CROPSEY, GEORGE, HAMMERSTROM, KUIPERS and GOSCHKA and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"
(MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding section 1350a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 1350A. IN ANY CIVIL OR CRIMINAL JURY TRIAL, ALL OF THE
2 FOLLOWING APPLY:

3 (A) THE COURT SHALL INSTRUCT THE JURY ON THE APPLICABLE LAW
4 BEFORE THE JURY HEARS THE CLOSING ARGUMENTS IN THE CASE.

5 (B) THE COURT SHALL ALLOW JURORS TO MAKE WRITTEN NOTES DURING
6 THE TRIAL.

7 (C) BEFORE A RECESS OR OTHER DELAY OCCURS IN THE TRIAL, THE
8 COURT, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, SHALL INFORM THE JURY AS TO THE EXPECTED
9 LENGTH OF THE RECESS OR DELAY.