

HOUSE BILL No. 6019

April 24, 2008, Introduced by Reps. Warren, Alma Smith, Robert Jones and Constan and referred to the Committee on Senior Health, Security, and Retirement.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
by amending section 21771 (MCL 333.21771).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 21771. (1) A licensee, nursing home administrator, or
2 employee of a nursing home shall not physically, mentally, or
3 emotionally abuse, mistreat, or harmfully neglect a patient.

4 (2) A nursing home employee who becomes aware of an act
5 prohibited by this section immediately shall report the matter to
6 the nursing home administrator, ~~or~~ nursing director, **OR DEPARTMENT**.
7 A nursing home administrator or nursing director who becomes aware
8 of an act prohibited by this section immediately shall report the
9 matter by telephone to the department. ~~of public health, which in~~

1 ~~turn~~ UPON RECEIPT OF A REPORT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT
2 shall notify the department of ~~social~~ HUMAN services.

3 (3) Any person may report a violation of this section to the
4 department.

5 (4) A physician or other licensed health care personnel of a
6 hospital or other health care facility to which a patient is
7 transferred who becomes aware of an act prohibited by this section
8 shall report the act to the department.

9 (5) Upon receipt of a report made under this section, the
10 department shall make an investigation. The department may require
11 the person making the report to submit a written report or to
12 supply additional information, or both.

13 (6) A licensee or nursing home administrator shall not evict,
14 harass, dismiss, or retaliate against a patient, a patient's
15 representative, or an employee who makes a report under this
16 section.