

# HOUSE BILL No. 4451

February 24, 2009, Introduced by Rep. Smith and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled  
"The Michigan penal code,"  
(MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 499.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 499. (1) A PERSON AT THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY WHO KNOWS  
2        THAT ANOTHER PERSON IS EXPOSED TO OR HAS SUFFERED GRAVE PHYSICAL  
3        HARM SHALL GIVE REASONABLE ASSISTANCE TO THE EXPOSED PERSON, UNLESS  
4        DOING SO WOULD EXPOSE THE PERSON OR OTHERS TO DANGER OR PERIL. AS  
5        USED IN THIS SECTION, "REASONABLE ASSISTANCE" MEANS CONTACTING A 9-  
6        1-1 OPERATOR OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OR EMERGENCY SERVICE.

7        (2) SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT APPLY IF EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING  
8        APPLIES:

9            (A) REASONABLE ASSISTANCE IS ALREADY BEING PROVIDED.

10          (B) COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF SUBSECTION (1) WOULD  
11        INTERFERE WITH PERFORMING IMPORTANT DUTIES OWED TO OTHERS.

1           (3) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A  
2 MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

3           (A) COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR NOT MORE THAN 360 HOURS.

4           (B) IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 60 DAYS.

5           (C) A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$2,500.00.