

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 231

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending section 2841 (MCL 333.2841).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 2841. (1) Death registration is required for each  
2 individual who dies in this state. If the place of death is  
3 unknown, but the body is found in this state, the death  
4 registration shall show this fact and shall be completed and filed  
5 in accordance with this section and section 2842. The place where  
6 the body is found shall be shown as the place of death.

7       (2) **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED UNDER THIS PART, AN**  
8 **INDIVIDUAL WHO DISCOVERS THE BODY OF AN INDIVIDUAL HE OR SHE KNOWS**  
9 **OR HAS REASON TO KNOW IS DEAD AND FAILS TO INFORM A LAW ENFORCEMENT**

1 AGENCY, A FUNERAL HOME, OR A 9-1-1 OPERATOR OF THE DISCOVERY IS  
2 GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE  
3 THAN 1 YEAR OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00, OR BOTH. THIS  
4 SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO KNOWS OR HAS REASON  
5 TO KNOW THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, A FUNERAL HOME, OR A 9-1-1  
6 OPERATOR HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE BODY.

7 (3) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (2) WITH THE PURPOSE OF  
8 CONCEALING THE FACT OR CAUSE OF DEATH OF THE INDIVIDUAL IS GUILTY  
9 OF A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 5 YEARS OR  
10 A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000.00, OR BOTH.

11 (4) A SENTENCE IMPOSED FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION MAY BE  
12 IMPOSED TO RUN CONSECUTIVELY TO ANY OTHER SENTENCE IMPOSED FOR A  
13 CONVICTION THAT ARISES OUT OF THE SAME TRANSACTION.

14 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect April 1,  
15 2013.