## **HOUSE BILL No. 5692**

(As amended December 13, 2012)

May 29, 2012, Introduced by Reps. Walsh, Heise, Zorn, MacGregor, LeBlanc, Horn and Lyons and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending sections 71, 72, and 73 (MCL 750.71, 750.72, and 750.73).

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## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 71. Definition of "burn" The term "burn" as used in this

- chapter shall mean setting fire to, or doing any act which results
  in the starting of a fire, or aiding, counseling, inducing,
  persuading or procuring another to do such act or acts.UNLESS THE
  CONTEXT REQUIRES OTHERWISE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE FOLLOWING
  MEANINGS:
- 7 (A) "BUILDING" << >> INCLUDES
  8 ANY STRUCTURE REGARDLESS OF CLASS OR CHARACTER AND ANY BUILDING OR
  - STRUCTURE THAT IS WITHIN THE CURTILAGE OF THAT BUILDING OR
- 10 STRUCTURE OR THAT IS APPURTENANT TO OR CONNECTED TO THAT BUILDING

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- 1 OR STRUCTURE.
- 2 (B) "BURN" MEANS SETTING FIRE TO, OR DOING ANY ACT THAT
- 3 RESULTS IN THE STARTING OF A FIRE, OR AIDING, COUNSELING, INDUCING,
- 4 PERSUADING, OR PROCURING ANOTHER TO DO SUCH AN ACT.
- 5 (C) "DAMAGE", IN ADDITION TO ITS ORDINARY MEANING, INCLUDES,
- 6 BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, CHARRING, MELTING, SCORCHING, BURNING, OR
- 7 BREAKING.
- 8 (D) "DWELLING" INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, ANY BUILDING,
- 9 STRUCTURE, VEHICLE, WATERCRAFT, OR TRAILER ADAPTED FOR HUMAN
- 10 HABITATION THAT WAS ACTUALLY LIVED IN OR REASONABLY COULD HAVE BEEN
- 11 LIVED IN AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE OR EXPLOSION AND ANY BUILDING OR
- 12 STRUCTURE THAT IS WITHIN THE CURTILAGE OF THAT DWELLING OR THAT IS
- 13 APPURTENANT TO OR CONNECTED TO THAT DWELLING.
- 14 (E) "INDIVIDUAL" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL AND INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT
- 15 LIMITED TO, A FIREFIGHTER, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, OR OTHER
- 16 EMERGENCY RESPONDER, WHETHER PAID OR VOLUNTEER, PERFORMING HIS OR
- 17 HER DUTIES IN RELATION TO A VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER, OR
- 18 PERFORMING AN INVESTIGATION OF A VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER.
- 19 (F) "PERSONAL PROPERTY" INCLUDES ANY PERSONALLY OWNED PROPERTY
- 20 REGARDLESS OF CLASS, CHARACTER, OR VALUE.
- 21 (G) "PHYSICAL INJURY" MEANS <<AN>> INJURY THAT INCLUDES,
- 22 BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, <<THE>> LOSS OF A LIMB OR USE OF A
- 23 LIMB; LOSS OF A FOOT, HAND, FINGER, OR THUMB, OR LOSS OF USE OF A
- 24 FOOT, HAND, FINGER, OR THUMB; LOSS OF AN EYE OR EAR OR LOSS OF USE
- 25 OF AN EYE OR EAR; LOSS OR SUBSTANTIAL IMPAIRMENT OF A BODILY
- 26 FUNCTION; SERIOUS VISIBLE DISFIGUREMENT; A COMATOSE STATE THAT
- 27 LASTS FOR MORE THAN 3 DAYS; MEASURABLE BRAIN OR MENTAL IMPAIRMENT;

- 1 A SKULL FRACTURE OR OTHER SERIOUS BONE FRACTURE; SUBDURAL
- 2 HEMORRHAGE OR SUBDURAL HEMATOMA; LOSS OF AN ORGAN; HEART ATTACK;
- 3 HEAT STROKE; HEAT EXHAUSTION; SMOKE INHALATION; A BURN INCLUDING A
- 4 CHEMICAL BURN; OR POISONING.
- 5 (H) "PRIOR CONVICTION" MEANS A PREVIOUS CONVICTION FOR A
- 6 VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER THAT ARISES OUT OF A SEPARATE
- 7 TRANSACTION, WHETHER UNDER THIS CHAPTER, A LOCAL ORDINANCE
- 8 SUBSTANTIALLY CORRESPONDING TO THIS CHAPTER, A LAW OF THE UNITED
- 9 STATES SUBSTANTIALLY CORRESPONDING TO THIS CHAPTER, OR A LAW OF
- 10 ANOTHER STATE SUBSTANTIALLY CORRESPONDING TO THIS CHAPTER, BUT DOES
- 11 NOT INCLUDE A VIOLATION OF SECTION 79(1)(A).
- 12 Sec. 72. Burning dwelling house-Any person who wilfully or
- 13 maliciously burns any dwelling house, either occupied or
- 14 unoccupied, or the contents thereof, whether owned by himself or
- 15 another, or any building within the curtilage of such dwelling
- 16 house, or the contents thereof, shall be guilty of a felony,
- 17 punishable by imprisonment in the state prison not more than 20
- 18 years.
- 19 (1) A PERSON WHO WILLFULLY OR MALICIOUSLY BURNS, DAMAGES, OR
- 20 DESTROYS BY FIRE OR EXPLOSIVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OR ITS CONTENTS
- 21 IS GUILTY OF FIRST DEGREE ARSON:
- 22 (A) A MULTIUNIT BUILDING OR STRUCTURE IN WHICH 1 OR MORE UNITS
- 23 OF THE BUILDING ARE A DWELLING, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER ANY OF THE
- 24 UNITS ARE OCCUPIED, UNOCCUPIED, OR VACANT AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE
- 25 OR EXPLOSION.
- 26 (B) ANY BUILDING OR STRUCTURE OR OTHER REAL PROPERTY IF THE
- 27 FIRE OR EXPLOSION RESULTS IN PHYSICAL INJURY TO ANY INDIVIDUAL.

- 1 (C) A MINE.
- 2 (2) SUBSECTION (1) APPLIES REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE PERSON
- 3 OWNS THE DWELLING, BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OR MINE OR ITS CONTENTS.
- 4 (3) FIRST DEGREE ARSON IS A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT
- 5 FOR LIFE OR ANY TERM OF YEARS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$20,000.00
- 6 OR 3 TIMES THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY DAMAGED OR DESTROYED,
- 7 WHICHEVER IS GREATER, OR BOTH IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE.
- 8 Sec. 73. Burning of other real property Any person who
- 9 wilfully or maliciously burns any building or other real property,
- 10 or the contents thereof, other than those specified in the next
- 11 preceding section of this chapter, the property of himself or
- 12 another, shall be guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment in
- 13 the state prison for not more than 10 years.
- 14 (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 72, A PERSON WHO WILLFULLY
- 15 OR MALICIOUSLY BURNS, DAMAGES, OR DESTROYS BY FIRE OR EXPLOSIVE A
- 16 DWELLING, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT IS OCCUPIED, UNOCCUPIED, OR
- 17 VACANT AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE OR EXPLOSION, OR ITS CONTENTS, IS
- 18 GUILTY OF SECOND DEGREE ARSON.
- 19 (2) SUBSECTION (1) APPLIES REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE PERSON
- 20 OWNS THE DWELLING OR ITS CONTENTS.
- 21 (3) SECOND DEGREE ARSON IS A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT
- 22 FOR NOT MORE THAN 20 YEARS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$20,000.00 OR
- 23 3 TIMES THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY DAMAGED OR DESTROYED, WHICHEVER
- 24 IS GREATER, OR BOTH IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE.
- 25 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
- 26 after the date it is enacted into law.
- 27 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect

- 1 unless all of the following bills of the 96th Legislature are
- 2 enacted into law:
- 3 (a) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 5693 (request no.
- **4** 05786'12).
- 5 (b) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 5694(request no.
- **6** 05787'12).

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