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HOUSE BILL No. 4071

January 13, 2011, Introduced by Reps. Lori and MacMaster and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled "Corrections code of 1953,"

by amending sections 62b and 62c (MCL 791.262b and 791.262c), section 62b as amended by 2000 PA 211 and section 62c as amended by 1988 PA 293.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 62b. (1) The rules and standards promulgated under section 62(3) shall—DO not prohibit the housing of 2 inmates in a county jail cell which—THAT is designed and constructed for single occupancy and which—THAT meets either of the following conditions:

(a) The cell is at least 65 square feet in area and provides unrestricted access to a day area which is available for use by the inmates other than those inmates being disciplined. The day area shall be available at least 14 hours per day and shall contain an

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- 1 average of at least 20 additional square feet of space per inmate.
- 2 (b) The cell is at least 55 square feet in area and both of
- 3 the 2 inmates housed in the cell participate in a day parole
- 4 program for not less than 32 hours per week.
- 5 (2) For purposes of housing inmates as provided for under this
- 6 section, the sheriff of the county shall develop and implement a
- 7 classification system classifying the county jail population
- 8 according to all of the following:
- **9** (a) Behavior characteristics.
- 10 (b) Similar physical characteristics.
- 11 (c) Age.
- 12 (d) Type of crime committed and criminal history.
- (e) Gender.
- 14 (3) The classification system under subsection (2) shall be
- 15 submitted to and approved by the department. Any classification
- 16 system in effect on December 31, 1987 shall continue in effect
- 17 until changed as provided in this subsection.
- 18 (4) A person who has no prior criminal convictions may only be
- 19 housed with another inmate who does not have a prior felony
- 20 conviction.
- 21 (4) (5)—Cells in which 2 inmates are housed shall have doors
- 22 which allow visual supervision, and inmates shall be under visual
- 23 supervision at least every hour.
- 24 (6) An inmate who is subject to section 33b(a) to (cc) shall
- 25 not be housed in a cell with another inmate as provided for under
- 26 this section, unless the sentencing judge authorizes the inmate for
- 27 that housing.

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- 1 (5) (7)—If the state incurs any expense or is liable for
- 2 damages on any judgment for an action brought as the result of a
- 3 county housing 2 inmates in a cell as provided in this section, the
- 4 county in which the action arose shall fully indemnify the state
- 5 for the expense or damages.
- 6 (8) No more than 75% of the total inmate population may be
- 7 housed 2 to a cell and pretrial inmates must be housed in separate
- 8 cell blocks or housing units from sentenced inmates. In any jail
- 9 facility with 5 or more floors, pretrial inmates shall be housed on
- 10 separate floors from sentenced inmates.
- 11 Sec. 62c. (1) The rules and standards promulgated under
- 12 section 62(3) shall not prohibit the housing of 2 or more inmates
- in a county jail cell which is designed and constructed for housing
- 14 2 or more inmates, and which meets all of the following conditions:
- 15 (a) The basic cell has at least 52-25 square feet in area per
- 16 inmate OR, IF THE INMATES ARE CONFINED IN THE CELL FOR 10 OR MORE
- 17 HOURS PER DAY, AT LEAST 35 SQUARE FEET IN AREA PER INMATE. This
- 18 subdivision shall—only apply—APPLIES to cells constructed after
- **19** January 1, 1988.
- 20 (b) The cell provides access to a day area which THAT is
- 21 available for use by other than those being disciplined. The day
- 22 area shall contain at least 20 additional square feet of space per
- 23 inmate. This subdivision shall—only apply—APPLIES to cells
- 24 constructed after January 1, 1988.
- 25 (c) The cell complies with other rules and standards for
- 26 multiple occupancy housing in jails, as promulgated under section
- **27** 62 (3).

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- 1 (2) For purposes of housing inmates as provided for under this
- 2 section, the sheriff of the county shall develop and implement a
- 3 classification system classifying the county jail population
- 4 according to all of the following:
- 5 (a) Behavior characteristics.
- 6 (b) Similar physical characteristics.
- 7 (c) Age.
- 8 (d) Type of crime committed and criminal history.
- 9 (e) Gender.
- 10 (3) The classification system under subsection (2) shall be
- 11 submitted to and approved by the department.
- 12 (4) High security and segregation cells shall not be
- 13 constructed to house multiple inmates.
- 14 (4) (5)—Cells in which 2 or more inmates are housed shall have
- 15 doors which allow visual supervision, and inmates shall be under
- 16 visual supervision at least every hour.