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## BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bill 4177 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Representative Jim Ananich  
House Committee: Criminal Justice  
Senate Committee: Judiciary

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to refer to vulnerable adult abuse in the first *or* second degree, rather than the first *and* second degree, in a provision listing crimes that constitute first-degree murder.

Under the Code's felony murder provision, murder committed in the perpetration of, or attempt to perpetrate, specific crimes is first-degree murder and must be punished by imprisonment for life. These crimes include first- *and* second-degree vulnerable adult abuse.

The bill would refer to first- *or* second-degree vulnerable adult abuse.

MCL 750.316

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Because the bill would simply clarify the language to make it consistent with the current Michigan Court of Appeals interpretation, the bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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