

Act No. 353  
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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REGULAR SESSION OF 2016**

**Introduced by Reps. Cole, Rendon, Lauwers, Garcia, LaFontaine, Lucido, Leutheuser, Sheppard, Johnson,  
Outman and Tedder**

# **ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5215**

AN ACT to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "An act to revise, consolidate, codify, and add to the statutes relating to crimes; to define crimes and prescribe the penalties and remedies; to provide for restitution under certain circumstances; to provide for the competency of evidence at the trial of persons accused of crime; to provide immunity from prosecution for certain witnesses appearing at criminal trials; to provide for liability for damages; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act," (MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 70a.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 70a. (1) An individual other than the owner or the authorized agent of the owner of a dog, or a law enforcement officer, an animal control officer, or an animal protection shelter employee acting in his or her official capacity, shall not willfully or maliciously remove a collar or a microchip from that dog with the intent to remove traceable evidence of the dog's ownership.

(2) An individual who violates subsection (1) is responsible for a state civil infraction and shall be ordered to pay a civil fine of not less than \$1,000.00 and not more than \$2,500.00.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the civil or criminal liability of an individual under any other applicable law of this state.

(4) As used in this section, "authorized agent" means an individual who has the permission of the owner of a dog to remove that dog's collar.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 30 days after the date it is enacted into law.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



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Clerk of the House of Representatives



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Secretary of the Senate

Approved .....

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Governor