HOUSE BILL NO. 4915

September 04, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Berman, Garza, Robinson and Wozniak and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance.

A bill to establish liability and provide remedies for damage resulting from falling trees or tree branches.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "tree owner liability act".
- 3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:
- 4 (a) "Damage" means any of the following:
- $\mathbf{5}$ (i) Damage to real property, including, but not limited to,
- 6 structures and fixtures on the property.
- 7 (ii) Damage to personal property.





- (iii) The cost of removing debris from, cleaning, and repairing
 property.
- 3 (b) "Damage" does not include personal injury or death.
- 4 Sec. 3. The owner of property on which a tree is located is
- 5 liable to the owner or occupier of adjacent property for damage
- 6 proximately caused by any part of the tree falling on the adjacent
- 7 property, regardless of whether the tree falling was an act of God.
- 8 Sec. 4. This act does not limit or affect any other remedy
- 9 available under the law of this state.