

**HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 438**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled  
"The code of criminal procedure,"  
by amending section 9c of chapter IV (MCL 764.9c), as amended by  
2020 PA 393.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1 CHAPTER IV  
2 Sec. 9c. (1) Except as provided in subsection (3), if a police  
3 officer has arrested a person without a warrant for a misdemeanor  
4 or ordinance violation, instead of taking the person before a  
5 magistrate and promptly filing a complaint as provided in section  
6 13 of this chapter, the officer may issue to and serve upon the  
7 person an appearance ticket as defined in section 9f of this  
8 chapter and release the person from custody. The appearance ticket

1 issued under this section, or other documentation as requested,  
2 must be forwarded to the court, appropriate prosecuting authority,  
3 or both, for review without delay.

4 (2) A public servant other than a police officer, who is  
5 specially authorized by law or ordinance to issue and serve  
6 appearance tickets with respect to a particular class of offenses  
7 of less than felony grade, may issue and serve upon a person an  
8 appearance ticket if the public servant has reasonable cause to  
9 believe that the person has committed an offense.

10 (3) An appearance ticket must not be issued to any of the  
11 following:

12 (a) A person arrested for a domestic violence violation of  
13 section 81 or 81a of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL  
14 750.81 and 750.81a, or a local ordinance substantially  
15 corresponding to a domestic violence violation of section 81 or 81a  
16 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.81 and 750.81a, or  
17 an offense involving domestic violence as that term is defined in  
18 section 1 of 1978 PA 389, MCL 400.1501.

19 (b) A person subject to detainment for violating a personal  
20 protection order.

21 (c) A person subject to a mandatory period of confinement,  
22 condition of bond, or other condition of release until he or she  
23 has served that period of confinement or meets that requirement of  
24 bond or other condition of release.

25 (d) A person arrested for a serious misdemeanor.

26 (e) A person arrested for any other assaultive crime.

27 (4) Except as provided in subsection (5), a police officer  
28 shall issue to and serve upon a person an appearance ticket as  
29 defined in section 9f of this chapter and release the person from

1 custody if the person has been arrested for a misdemeanor or  
2 ordinance violation that has a maximum permissible penalty that  
3 does not exceed 1 year in jail or a fine, or both, and is not a  
4 serious misdemeanor, assaultive crime, domestic violence violation  
5 of section 81 or 81a of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL  
6 750.81 and 750.81a, a local ordinance substantially corresponding  
7 to a domestic violence violation of section 81 or 81a of the  
8 Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.81 and 750.81a, ~~or an~~  
9 offense involving domestic violence as that term is defined in  
10 section 1 of 1978 PA 389, MCL 400.1501, **or an operating while**  
11 **intoxicated offense.**

12 (5) The police officer may take the arrested person before a  
13 magistrate and promptly file a complaint as provided in section 13  
14 of this chapter instead of issuing an appearance ticket as required  
15 under subsection (4) if 1 of the following circumstances is  
16 present:

17 (a) The arrested person refuses to follow the police officer's  
18 reasonable instructions.

19 (b) The arrested person will not offer satisfactory evidence  
20 of identification.

21 (c) There is a reasonable likelihood that the offense would  
22 continue or resume, or that another person or property would be  
23 endangered if the arrested person is released from custody.

24 (d) The arrested person presents an immediate danger to  
25 himself or herself or requires immediate medical examination or  
26 medical care.

27 (e) The arrested person requests to be taken immediately  
28 before a magistrate.

29 (f) Any other reason that the police officer may deem

1 reasonable to arrest the person which must be articulated in the  
2 arrest report.

3 (6) If a police officer determines that 1 of the circumstances  
4 under subsection (5) applies and he or she takes an arrested person  
5 before a magistrate and promptly files a complaint as provided in  
6 section 13 of this chapter instead of issuing an appearance ticket,  
7 the police officer must specify the reason for not issuing a  
8 citation in the arrest report or other documentation, as  
9 applicable, and must forward the arrest report or other  
10 documentation, as requested, to the appropriate prosecuting  
11 authority for review without delay.

12 (7) An arrested person who is taken into custody under  
13 subsection (6) instead of being issued an appearance ticket must be  
14 charged by the appropriate prosecuting authority or released from  
15 custody not later than 3 p.m. the immediately following day during  
16 which arraignments may be performed.

17 (8) This section does not create a right to the issuance of an  
18 appearance ticket in lieu of an arrest. An arrested person may  
19 appeal the legality of his or her arrest as provided by law.  
20 However, an arrested person does not have a claim for damages  
21 against a police officer or law enforcement agency because he or  
22 she was arrested rather than issued an appearance ticket.

23 (9) As used in this section:

24 (a) "Assaultive crime" means that term as defined in section  
25 9a of chapter X.

26 (b) **"Operating while intoxicated offense" means a violation of**  
27 **any of the following:**

28 (i) **Section 625 or 625m of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA**  
29 **300, MCL 257.625 and 257.625m.**

1           (ii) A local ordinance substantially corresponding to a  
2 violation listed in subparagraph (i) .

3           (iii) A law of an Indian tribe substantially corresponding to a  
4 violation listed in subparagraph (i) .

5           (iv) A law of another state substantially corresponding to a  
6 violation listed in subparagraph (i) .

7           (v) A law of the United States substantially corresponding to  
8 a violation listed in subparagraph (i) .

9           (c) ~~(b)~~—"Serious misdemeanor" means that term as defined in  
10 section 61 of the William Van Regenmorter crime victim's rights  
11 act, 1985 PA 87, MCL 780.811.