

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5837**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled
"The code of criminal procedure,"
(MCL 760.1 to 777.69) by adding section 21e to chapter VIII.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

CHAPTER VIII

**Sec. 21e. (1) It is an affirmative defense in a prosecution
for a felony or misdemeanor violation of a law of this state that
the defendant committed the offense as a direct result of the
defendant being a victim of human trafficking under chapter LXVIIA
of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.462a to 750.462h.**

**(2) The defendant bears the burden of proving the defense
under subsection (1) by a preponderance of the evidence.**

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days

1 after the date it is enacted into law.