

**THE SOCIAL WELFARE ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 280 of 1939**

**400.61 Violations; penalties; cessation of payments during imprisonment.**

Sec. 61. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3), a person who violates this act for which a penalty is not specifically provided is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced as provided in the laws of this state. If a person receiving aid, relief, or assistance is convicted of an offense under this act, or of another crime or offense and punished by imprisonment for 1 month or longer, the county board may direct that payments for aid, relief, or assistance under this act shall cease and shall not be made during the period of that person's imprisonment.

(2) A member of the Michigan social welfare commission, a county social services board, or the parole and review board who intentionally violates section 2(3), 46(2), or 121(2), shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

(3) If the Michigan social welfare commission, a county department of social services, a county social services board, district department of social welfare, district social welfare board, or the parole and review board arbitrarily and capriciously violates section 2(6), 45(6), 46(6), or 64(3) the commission, department, or board shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976.

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