

**THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 328 of 1931**

**750.493 Protection of exploration; pits and holes.**

Sec. 493. Protection of exploration pits and holes—Any person who shall sink, dig or cause to be sunk or dug, any shaft, pit, hole or trench on any uninclosed or unoccupied land within this state to a depth of 4 feet or more, for the purpose of exploring for minerals or making other discoveries, and shall fail and neglect to fill the same or erect or cause to be erected and maintain or cause to be maintained around the same a good substantial fence or enclosure not less than 4 feet high, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

**History:** 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;—CL 1948, 750.493.

**Former law:** See sections 1 and 2 of Act 188 of 1885, being How., §§ 9120a and 9120b; CL 1897, §§ 11527 and 11528; CL 1915, §§ 15266 and 15267; and CL 1929, §§ 16805 and 16806.