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INTERFERENCE WITH HEALTH CARE ACCESS

House Bill 5499

Sponsor: Rep. Perry Bullard

Committee: Judiciary

Complete to 5-14-90

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5499 AS INTRODUCED 2-14-90

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to provide civil remedies when one person interfered with another person's access to legal health care or with the ability of a health care provider to render a legal health care service. The attorney general or local prosecutor could commence a civil action requesting an injunction against violators. Providers and those whose access was affected could sue for appropriate relief, including actual, exemplary, or punitive damages, costs, reasonable attorney fees, or injunctions. Recoverable damages would be the greater of the following: treble the amount of actual damages (including pain, suffering, and emotional distress), or exemplary damages of \$5,000 for each act of interference separately chargeable as a criminal offense under Michigan or federal law. If more than one individual was involved in a single act of interference, each individual would be jointly and severally liable for the amount of damages awarded.

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