

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 988**

A bill to amend 1964 PA 170, entitled

"An act to make uniform the liability of municipal corporations, political subdivisions, and the state, its agencies and departments, officers, employees, and volunteers thereof, and members of certain boards, councils, and task forces when engaged in the exercise or discharge of a governmental function, for injuries to property and persons; to define and limit this liability; to define and limit the liability of the state when engaged in a proprietary function; to authorize the purchase of liability insurance to protect against loss arising out of this liability; to provide for defending certain claims made against public officers and paying damages sought or awarded against them; to provide for the legal defense of public officers and employees; to provide for reimbursement of public officers and employees for certain legal expenses; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts,"

(MCL 691.1401 to 691.1415) by adding section 7a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 7A. (1) A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT SEIZES A FIREARM
2 IS CIVILLY LIABLE TO EACH PERSON WHO POSSESSES AN OWNERSHIP
3 INTEREST IN THE FIREARM FOR NEGLIGENTLY OR INTENTIONALLY LOSING,
4 DAMAGING, OR DEFACING THE FIREARM.

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1 (2) THE AMOUNT OF DAMAGES THAT MAY BE RECOVERED UNDER THIS
2 SECTION IS LIMITED TO THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE FIREARM.

3 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect
4 January 1, 1999.