

SENATE BILL No. 725

October 17, 2001, Introduced by Senators SIKKEMA, JOHNSON, BULLARD, MC COTTER, HAMMERSTROM and GOSCHKA and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"
(MCL 600.101 to 600.9948) by adding section 2972.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 2972. (1) WHEN CONSIDERING A MOTION TO SEAL COURT
2 RECORDS IN A CIVIL OR CRIMINAL MATTER INVOLVING AN ALLEGATION OF
3 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER THE SAFETY OF ANY
4 ALLEGED VICTIM OR POTENTIAL VICTIM OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN
5 DETERMINING WHETHER GOOD CAUSE FOR SEALING THE RECORDS HAS BEEN
6 SHOWN.

7 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE" MEANS THAT
8 TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1 OF 1978 PA 389, MCL 400.1501.