

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5043

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled
"The Michigan penal code,"
by amending section 540 (MCL 750.540).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 540. ~~Cutting, tapping, using, etc., telephone or~~
2 ~~telegraph wires, etc. Any person who shall wilfully and maliciously~~
3 ~~cut, break, tap or make any connection with, or read, or copy, by~~
4 ~~the use of telegraph or telephone instruments, or otherwise, in any~~
5 ~~unauthorized manner, any message, either social or business,~~
6 ~~sporting, commercial or other news reports, from any telegraph or~~
7 ~~telephone line, wire or cable so unlawfully cut or tapped in this~~
8 ~~state, or make unauthorized use of the same, or who shall wilfully~~
9 ~~and maliciously prevent, obstruct or delay by any means or~~

~~contrivance whatsoever the sending, conveyance or delivery, in this state, of any authorized communication, sporting, commercial or other news reports, by or through any telegraph or telephone line, cable or wire under the control of any telegraph or telephone company doing business in this state, or who shall wilfully and maliciously aid, agree with, employ, or conspire with any other person or persons to do any of the aforementioned unlawful acts, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in the state prison not more than 2 years, or by a fine of not more than 1,000 dollars.~~

(1) A PERSON SHALL NOT WILLFULLY AND MALICIOUSLY CUT, BREAK, DISCONNECT, INTERRUPT, TAP, OR MAKE ANY UNAUTHORIZED CONNECTION WITH ANY ELECTRONIC MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION, INCLUDING THE INTERNET OR A COMPUTER, COMPUTER PROGRAM, COMPUTER SYSTEM, OR COMPUTER NETWORK, OR A TELEPHONE.

(2) A PERSON SHALL NOT WILLFULLY AND MALICIOUSLY READ OR COPY ANY MESSAGE FROM ANY TELEGRAPH, TELEPHONE LINE, WIRE, CABLE, COMPUTER NETWORK, COMPUTER PROGRAM, OR COMPUTER SYSTEM, OR TELEPHONE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION THAT THE PERSON ACCESSED WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION.

(3) A PERSON SHALL NOT WILLFULLY AND MALICIOUSLY MAKE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF ANY ELECTRONIC MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION, INCLUDING THE INTERNET OR A COMPUTER, COMPUTER PROGRAM, COMPUTER SYSTEM, OR COMPUTER NETWORK, OR TELEPHONE.

(4) A PERSON SHALL NOT WILLFULLY AND MALICIOUSLY PREVENT, OBSTRUCT, OR DELAY BY ANY MEANS THE SENDING, CONVEYANCE, OR DELIVERY OF ANY AUTHORIZED COMMUNICATION, BY OR THROUGH ANY

1 TELEGRAPH OR TELEPHONE LINE, CABLE, WIRE, OR ANY ELECTRONIC MEDIUM
2 OF COMMUNICATION, INCLUDING THE INTERNET OR A COMPUTER, COMPUTER
3 PROGRAM, COMPUTER SYSTEM, OR COMPUTER NETWORK.

4 (5) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AS
5 FOLLOWS:

6 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (B), THE PERSON IS
7 GUILTY OF A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 2
8 YEARS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00, OR BOTH.

9 (B) IF THE INCIDENT TO BE REPORTED RESULTS IN INJURY TO OR THE
10 DEATH OF ANY PERSON, THE PERSON VIOLATING THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF
11 A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 4 YEARS OR A
12 FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000.00, OR BOTH.

13 (6) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

14 (A) "COMPUTER" MEANS ANY CONNECTED, DIRECTLY INTEROPERABLE OR
15 INTERACTIVE DEVICE, EQUIPMENT, OR FACILITY THAT USES A COMPUTER
16 PROGRAM OR OTHER INSTRUCTIONS TO PERFORM SPECIFIC OPERATIONS
17 INCLUDING LOGICAL, ARITHMETIC, OR MEMORY FUNCTIONS WITH OR ON
18 COMPUTER DATA OR A COMPUTER PROGRAM AND THAT CAN STORE, RETRIEVE,
19 ALTER, OR COMMUNICATE THE RESULTS OF THE OPERATIONS TO A PERSON,
20 COMPUTER PROGRAM, COMPUTER, COMPUTER SYSTEM, OR COMPUTER NETWORK.

21 (B) "COMPUTER NETWORK" MEANS THE INTERCONNECTION OF HARDWIRE
22 OR WIRELESS COMMUNICATION LINES WITH A COMPUTER THROUGH REMOTE
23 TERMINALS, OR A COMPLEX CONSISTING OF 2 OR MORE INTERCONNECTED
24 COMPUTERS.

25 (C) "COMPUTER PROGRAM" MEANS A SERIES OF INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL
26 INSTRUCTIONS COMMUNICATED IN A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO A COMPUTER THAT
27 DIRECTS THE FUNCTIONING OF A COMPUTER, COMPUTER SYSTEM, OR COMPUTER

1 NETWORK IN A MANNER DESIGNED TO PROVIDE OR PRODUCE PRODUCTS OR
2 RESULTS FROM THE COMPUTER, COMPUTER SYSTEM, OR COMPUTER NETWORK.

3 (D) "COMPUTER SYSTEM" MEANS A SET OF RELATED, CONNECTED OR
4 UNCONNECTED, COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, DEVICES, SOFTWARE, OR HARDWARE.

5 (E) "INTERNET" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 230 OF
6 TITLE II OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934, 47 USC 230, AND
7 INCLUDES VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL SERVICES.

8 (7) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM BEING CHARGED
9 WITH, CONVICTED OF, OR PUNISHED FOR ANY OTHER VIOLATION OF LAW
10 COMMITTED BY THAT PERSON WHILE VIOLATING OR ATTEMPTING TO VIOLATE
11 THIS SECTION.

12 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect June 1,
13 2006.