SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1024

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 cut, break, tap or make any connection with, or read, or copy, by 3 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 state; or make unauthorized use of the same, or who shall wilfully 8 9 and maliciously prevent, obstruct or delay by any means or

- 1 contrivance whatsoever the sending, conveyance or delivery, in this
- 2 state, of any authorized communication, sporting, commercial or
- 3 other news reports, by or through any telegraph or telephone line,
- 4 cable or wire under the control of any telegraph or telephone
- 5 company doing business in this state, or who shall wilfully and
- 6 maliciously aid, agree with, employ, or conspire with any other
- 7 person or persons to do any of the aforementioned unlawful acts,
- 8 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in the
- 9 state prison not more than 2 years, or by a fine of not more than
- 10 1,000 dollars.
- 11 (1) A PERSON SHALL NOT WILLFULLY AND MALICIOUSLY CUT, BREAK,
- 12 DISCONNECT, INTERRUPT, TAP, OR MAKE ANY UNAUTHORIZED CONNECTION
- 13 WITH ANY ELECTRONIC MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION, INCLUDING THE INTERNET
- 14 OR A COMPUTER, COMPUTER PROGRAM, COMPUTER SYSTEM, OR COMPUTER
- 15 NETWORK, OR A TELEPHONE.
- 16 (2) A PERSON SHALL NOT WILLFULLY AND MALICIOUSLY READ OR COPY
- 17 ANY MESSAGE FROM ANY TELEGRAPH, TELEPHONE LINE, WIRE, CABLE,
- 18 COMPUTER NETWORK, COMPUTER PROGRAM, OR COMPUTER SYSTEM, OR
- 19 TELEPHONE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION THAT THE
- 20 PERSON ACCESSED WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION.
- 21 (3) A PERSON SHALL NOT WILLFULLY AND MALICIOUSLY MAKE
- 22 UNAUTHORIZED USE OF ANY ELECTRONIC MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION,
- 23 INCLUDING THE INTERNET OR A COMPUTER, COMPUTER PROGRAM, COMPUTER
- 24 SYSTEM, OR COMPUTER NETWORK, OR TELEPHONE.
- 25 (4) A PERSON SHALL NOT WILLFULLY AND MALICIOUSLY PREVENT,
- 26 OBSTRUCT, OR DELAY BY ANY MEANS THE SENDING, CONVEYANCE, OR
- 27 DELIVERY OF ANY AUTHORIZED COMMUNICATION, BY OR THROUGH ANY

- TELEGRAPH OR TELEPHONE LINE, CABLE, WIRE, OR ANY ELECTRONIC MEDIUM 1
- 2 OF COMMUNICATION, INCLUDING THE INTERNET OR A COMPUTER, COMPUTER
- PROGRAM, COMPUTER SYSTEM, OR COMPUTER NETWORK. 3
- 4 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect June 1,
- 5 2006.
- Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
- unless all of the following bills of the 93rd Legislature are 7
- enacted into law: 8
- 9 (a) House Bill No. 5043.
- (b) House Bill No. 5044. 10