

HOUSE BILL No. 4830

May 25, 2005, Introduced by Reps. Condino, Bieda, Gleason, Gonzales, Plakas, Alma Smith, Wojno, Nofs, Accavitti, Hune, Brown, Meisner, Hopgood, Byrnes, Clemente, Spade, Tobocman, Gaffney, Stewart, Gillard, Phillips, Jones, Sheen, Byrum, Farrah, Kolb, Van Regenmorter, Stahl, Wenke, Lipsey, Polidori, Waters, Vagnozzi and Sak and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to prescribe the blue alert of Michigan as the official response to reports of attacks on law enforcement officers; to provide for the broadcast of information regarding those attacks; to provide certain powers and duties of the department of state police; and to provide for certain civil immunity.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "Michigan blue alert act".

3 Sec. 2. (1) The department of state police shall establish and
4 maintain the Michigan blue alert plan.

5 (2) The Michigan blue alert plan shall be designed to rapidly
6 disseminate useful information in a predetermined manner to radio

1 and television stations within this state in the event of an attack
2 upon a law enforcement officer during the performance of his or her
3 duties.

4 Sec. 3. The Michigan blue alert plan shall be activated only
5 in accordance with the policies established by the department of
6 state police.

7 Sec. 4. A radio or television station receiving information
8 concerning an attack upon a law enforcement officer from the
9 Michigan state police may broadcast that information in any manner
10 designed to assist in the apprehension of any suspect.

11 Sec. 5. The information to be broadcast by a radio or
12 television station under section 4 includes all of the information
13 provided by the Michigan state police. The information shall be
14 provided to predetermined radio and television stations by a method
15 agreed to by the Michigan state police and the Michigan association
16 of broadcasters.

17 Sec. 6. A radio or television station that accurately
18 broadcasts information concerning an attack on a law enforcement
19 officer obtained from the Michigan state police pursuant to this
20 act is immune from any civil liability based on the broadcast of
21 that information.