

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5798**

A bill to amend 1985 PA 87, entitled  
"William Van Regenmorter crime victim's rights act,"  
by amending sections 2, 31, and 61 (MCL 780.752, 780.781, and  
780.811), section 2 as amended by 2014 PA 133, section 31 as  
amended by 2014 PA 134, and section 61 as amended by 2014 PA 130.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 2. (1) Except as otherwise defined in this article, as  
2 used in this article:

3           (a) "County juvenile agency" means that term as defined in  
4 section 2 of the county juvenile agency act, 1998 PA 518, MCL  
5 45.622.

6           (b) "Crime" means a violation of a penal law of this state for

1 which the offender, upon conviction, may be punished by  
2 imprisonment for more than 1 year or an offense expressly  
3 designated by law as a felony.

4 (c) "Crime victim services commission" means that term as  
5 described in section 2 of 1976 PA 223, MCL 18.352.

6 (d) "Defendant" means a person charged with, convicted of, or  
7 found not guilty by reason of insanity of committing a crime  
8 against a victim.

9 (e) "Facility", as used in sections 6, 13a, 19a, and 20 only,  
10 and not with reference to a juvenile facility, means that term as  
11 defined in section 100b of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL  
12 330.1100b.

13 (f) "Final disposition" means the ultimate termination of the  
14 criminal prosecution of a defendant including, but not limited to,  
15 dismissal, acquittal, or imposition of sentence by the court.

16 (g) "Juvenile" means a person within the jurisdiction of the  
17 circuit court under section 606 of the revised judicature act of  
18 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.606.

19 (h) "Juvenile facility" means a county facility, institution  
20 operated as an agency of the county or the family division of  
21 circuit court, or an institution or agency described in the youth  
22 rehabilitation services act, 1974 PA 150, MCL 803.301 to 803.309,  
23 to which a juvenile has been committed or in which a juvenile is  
24 detained.

25 (i) "Hospital" means that term as defined in section 100b of  
26 the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100b.

27 (j) "Person" means an individual, organization, partnership,

1 corporation, or governmental entity.

2 (k) "Prisoner" means a person who has been convicted and  
3 sentenced to imprisonment or placement in a juvenile facility for  
4 having committed a crime or an act that would be a crime if  
5 committed by an adult against a victim.

6 (l) "Prosecuting attorney" means the prosecuting attorney for  
7 a county, an assistant prosecuting attorney for a county, the  
8 attorney general, the deputy attorney general, an assistant  
9 attorney general, or a special prosecuting attorney.

10 (m) "Victim" means any of the following:

11 (i) An individual who suffers direct or threatened physical,  
12 financial, or emotional harm as a result of the commission of a  
13 crime, except as provided in subparagraph (ii), (iii), ~~or~~ (iv), OR  
14 (v).

15 (ii) The following individuals other than the defendant if the  
16 victim is deceased, **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (v)**:

17 (A) The spouse of the deceased victim.

18 (B) A child of the deceased victim if the child is 18 years of  
19 age or older and sub-subparagraph (A) does not apply.

20 (C) A parent of a ~~THE~~ deceased victim if sub-subparagraphs (A)  
21 and (B) do not apply.

22 (D) The guardian or custodian of a child of a ~~THE~~ deceased  
23 victim if the child is less than 18 years of age and sub-  
24 subparagraphs (A) to (C) do not apply.

25 (E) A sibling of the deceased victim if sub-subparagraphs (A)  
26 to (D) do not apply.

27 (F) A grandparent of the deceased victim if sub-subparagraphs

1 (A) to (E) do not apply.

2 (iii) A parent, guardian, or custodian of a ~~THE~~ victim, ~~who~~ ~~IF~~  
3 **THE VICTIM** is less than 18 years of age, ~~and~~ who is neither the  
4 defendant nor incarcerated, if the parent, guardian, or custodian  
5 so chooses. ~~For the purpose of making an impact statement only, a~~  
6 ~~parent, guardian, or custodian of a victim who is less than 18~~  
7 ~~years of age at the time of the commission of the crime and who is~~  
8 ~~neither the defendant nor incarcerated, if the parent, guardian, or~~  
9 ~~custodian so chooses.~~

10 (iv) A parent, guardian, or custodian of a victim who is  
11 mentally or emotionally unable to participate in the legal process  
12 if he or she is neither the defendant nor incarcerated.

13 (v) **FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING OR MAKING AN IMPACT**  
14 **STATEMENT ONLY, IF THE VICTIM AS DEFINED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (i) IS**  
15 **DECEASED, IS SO MENTALLY INCAPACITATED THAT HE OR SHE CANNOT**  
16 **MEANINGFULLY UNDERSTAND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE LEGAL PROCESS, OR**  
17 **CONSENTS TO THE DESIGNATION AS A VICTIM OF THE FOLLOWING**  
18 **INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN THE DEFENDANT:**

19 (A) **THE SPOUSE OF THE VICTIM.**

20 (B) **A CHILD OF THE VICTIM IF THE CHILD IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR**  
21 **OLDER.**

22 (C) **A PARENT OF THE VICTIM.**

23 (D) **THE GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN OF A CHILD OF THE VICTIM IF THE**  
24 **CHILD IS LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE.**

25 (E) **A SIBLING OF THE VICTIM.**

26 (F) **A GRANDPARENT OF THE VICTIM.**

27 (G) **A GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN OF THE VICTIM IF THE VICTIM IS**

1 LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF THE COMMISSION OF THE  
2 CRIME AND THAT GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN IS NOT INCARCERATED.

3 (2) If a victim as defined in subsection (1)(m)(i) is  
4 physically or emotionally unable to exercise the privileges and  
5 rights under this article, the victim may designate his or her  
6 spouse, child 18 years of age or older, parent, sibling,  
7 grandparent, or any other person 18 years of age or older who is  
8 neither the defendant nor incarcerated to act in his or her place  
9 while the physical or emotional disability continues. The victim  
10 shall provide the prosecuting attorney with the name of the person  
11 who is to act in his or her place. During the physical or emotional  
12 disability, notices to be provided under this article to the victim  
13 ~~shall~~**MUST** continue to be sent only to the victim.

14 (3) An individual who is charged with a crime arising out of  
15 the same transaction from which the charge against the defendant  
16 arose is not eligible to exercise the privileges and rights  
17 established for victims under this article.

18 (4) An individual who is incarcerated is not eligible to  
19 exercise the privileges and rights established for victims under  
20 this article except that he or she may submit a written statement  
21 to the court for consideration at sentencing.

22 Sec. 31. (1) Except as otherwise defined in this article, as  
23 used in this article:

24 (a) "County juvenile agency" means that term as defined in  
25 section 2 of the county juvenile agency act, 1998 PA 518, MCL  
26 45.622.

27 (b) "Court" means the family division of circuit court.

1 (c) "Crime victim services commission" means that term as  
2 described in section 2 of 1976 PA 223, MCL 18.352.

3 (d) "Designated case" means a case designated as a case in  
4 which the juvenile is to be tried in the same manner as an adult  
5 under section 2d of chapter XIIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939  
6 PA 288, MCL 712A.2d.

7 (e) "Juvenile" means an individual alleged or found to be  
8 within the court's jurisdiction under section 2(a)(1) of chapter  
9 XIIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.2, for an  
10 offense, including, but not limited to, an individual in a  
11 designated case.

12 (f) "Juvenile facility" means a county facility, an  
13 institution operated as an agency of the county or the court, or an  
14 institution or agency described in the youth rehabilitation  
15 services act, 1974 PA 150, MCL 803.301 to 803.309, to which a  
16 juvenile has been committed or in which a juvenile is detained.

17 (g) "Offense" means 1 or more of the following:

18 (i) A violation of a penal law of this state for which a  
19 juvenile offender, if convicted as an adult, may be punished by  
20 imprisonment for more than 1 year or an offense expressly  
21 designated by law as a felony.

22 (ii) A violation of section 81 (assault and battery, including  
23 domestic violence), 81a (assault; infliction of serious injury,  
24 including aggravated domestic violence), 115 (breaking and entering  
25 or illegal entry), 136b(7) (child abuse in the fourth degree), 145  
26 (contributing to the neglect or delinquency of a minor), 145d  
27 (using the internet or a computer to make a prohibited

1 communication), 233 (intentionally aiming a firearm without  
2 malice), 234 (discharge of a firearm intentionally aimed at a  
3 person), 235 (discharge of an intentionally aimed firearm resulting  
4 in injury), 335a (indecent exposure), or 411h (stalking) of the  
5 Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.81, 750.81a, 750.115,  
6 750.136b, 750.145, 750.145d, 750.233, 750.234, 750.235, 750.335a,  
7 and 750.411h.

8 (iii) A violation of section 601b(2) (injuring a worker in a  
9 work zone) or 617a (leaving the scene of a personal injury  
10 accident) of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.601b  
11 and 257.617a, or a violation of section 625 (operating a vehicle  
12 while under the influence of or impaired by intoxicating liquor or  
13 a controlled substance, or with unlawful blood alcohol content) of  
14 ~~that act,~~ **THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE, 1949 PA 300**, MCL 257.625, if  
15 the violation involves an accident resulting in damage to another  
16 individual's property or physical injury or death to another  
17 individual.

18 (iv) Selling or furnishing alcoholic liquor to an individual  
19 less than 21 years of age in violation of section 33 of the former  
20 1933 (Ex Sess) PA 8, or section 701 of the Michigan liquor control  
21 code of 1998, 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1701, if the violation results in  
22 physical injury or death to any individual.

23 (v) A violation of section 80176(1) or (3) (operating a vessel  
24 while under the influence of or impaired by intoxicating liquor or  
25 a controlled substance, or with unlawful blood alcohol content) of  
26 the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA  
27 451, MCL 324.80176, if the violation involves an accident resulting

1 in damage to another individual's property or physical injury or  
2 death to any individual.

3 (vi) A violation of a local ordinance substantially  
4 corresponding to a law enumerated in subparagraphs (i) to (v).

5 (vii) A violation described in subparagraphs (i) to (vi) that  
6 is subsequently reduced to a violation not included in  
7 subparagraphs (i) to (vi).

8 (h) "Person" means an individual, organization, partnership,  
9 corporation, or governmental entity.

10 (i) "Prosecuting attorney" means the prosecuting attorney for  
11 a county, an assistant prosecuting attorney for a county, the  
12 attorney general, the deputy attorney general, an assistant  
13 attorney general, a special prosecuting attorney, or, in connection  
14 with the prosecution of an ordinance violation, an attorney for the  
15 political subdivision that enacted the ordinance upon which the  
16 violation is based.

17 (j) "Victim" means any of the following:

18 (i) A person who suffers direct or threatened physical,  
19 financial, or emotional harm as a result of the commission of an  
20 offense, except as provided in subparagraph (ii), (iii), ~~or~~ (iv),  
21 OR (v).

22 (ii) The following individuals other than the juvenile if the  
23 victim is deceased, **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (v)**:

24 (A) The spouse of the deceased victim.

25 (B) A child of the deceased victim if the child is 18 years of  
26 age or older and sub-subparagraph (A) does not apply.

27 (C) A parent of a deceased victim if sub-subparagraphs (A) and



1 (B) do not apply.

2 (D) The guardian or custodian of a child of a deceased victim  
3 if the child is less than 18 years of age and sub-subparagraphs (A)  
4 to (C) do not apply.

5 (E) A sibling of the deceased victim if sub-subparagraphs (A)  
6 to (D) do not apply.

7 (F) A grandparent of the deceased victim if sub-subparagraphs  
8 (A) to (E) do not apply.

9 (iii) A parent, guardian, or custodian of a victim who is less  
10 than 18 years of age and who is neither the ~~defendant~~ **JUVENILE** nor  
11 incarcerated, if the parent, guardian, or custodian so chooses. ~~For~~  
12 ~~the purpose of making an impact statement only, a parent, guardian,~~  
13 ~~or custodian of a victim who is less than 18 years of age at the~~  
14 ~~time of the commission of the crime and who is neither the~~  
15 ~~defendant nor incarcerated, if the parent, guardian, or custodian~~  
16 ~~so chooses.~~

17 (iv) A parent, guardian, or custodian of a victim who is  
18 mentally or emotionally unable to participate in the legal process  
19 if he or she is neither the ~~defendant~~ **JUVENILE** nor incarcerated.

20 (v) **FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING OR MAKING AN IMPACT**  
21 **STATEMENT ONLY, IF THE VICTIM AS DEFINED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (i) IS**  
22 **DECEASED, IS SO MENTALLY INCAPACITATED THAT HE OR SHE CANNOT**  
23 **MEANINGFULLY UNDERSTAND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE LEGAL PROCESS, OR**  
24 **CONSENTS TO THE DESIGNATION AS A VICTIM OF THE FOLLOWING**  
25 **INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN THE JUVENILE:**

26 (A) **THE SPOUSE OF THE VICTIM.**

27 (B) **A CHILD OF THE VICTIM IF THE CHILD IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR**

1 OLDER.

2 (C) A PARENT OF THE VICTIM.

3 (D) THE GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN OF A CHILD OF THE VICTIM IF THE  
4 CHILD IS LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE.

5 (E) A SIBLING OF THE VICTIM.

6 (F) A GRANDPARENT OF THE VICTIM.

7 (G) A GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN OF THE VICTIM IF THE VICTIM IS  
8 LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF THE COMMISSION OF THE  
9 CRIME AND THAT GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN IS NOT INCARCERATED.

10 (2) If a victim as defined in subsection (1)(j)(i) is  
11 physically or emotionally unable to exercise the privileges and  
12 rights under this article, the victim may designate his or her  
13 spouse, child 18 years of age or older, parent, sibling,  
14 grandparent, or any other person 18 years of age or older who is  
15 neither the defendant nor incarcerated to act in his or her place  
16 while the physical or emotional disability continues. The victim  
17 shall provide the prosecuting attorney with the name of the person  
18 who is to act in his or her place. During the physical or emotional  
19 disability, notices to be provided under this article to the victim  
20 ~~shall~~**MUST** continue to be sent only to the victim.

21 (3) An individual who is charged with an offense arising out  
22 of the same transaction from which the charge against the defendant  
23 arose is not eligible to exercise the privileges and rights  
24 established for victims under this article.

25 Sec. 61. (1) Except as otherwise defined in this article, as  
26 used in this article:

27 (a) "Serious misdemeanor" means 1 or more of the following:

1           (i) A violation of section 81 of the Michigan penal code, 1931  
2 PA 328, MCL 750.81, assault and battery, including domestic  
3 violence.

4           (ii) A violation of section 81a of the Michigan penal code,  
5 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.81a, assault; infliction of serious injury,  
6 including aggravated domestic violence.

7           (iii) A violation of section 115 of the Michigan penal code,  
8 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.115, breaking and entering or illegal entry.

9           (iv) A violation of section 136b(7) of the Michigan penal  
10 code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.136b, child abuse in the fourth degree.

11           (v) A violation of section 145 of the Michigan penal code,  
12 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.145, contributing to the neglect or  
13 delinquency of a minor.

14           (vi) A misdemeanor violation of section 145d of the Michigan  
15 penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.145d, using the internet or a  
16 computer to make a prohibited communication.

17           (vii) A violation of section 233 of the Michigan penal code,  
18 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.233, intentionally aiming a firearm without  
19 malice.

20           (viii) A violation of section 234 of the Michigan penal code,  
21 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.234, discharge of a firearm intentionally  
22 aimed at a person.

23           (ix) A violation of section 235 of the Michigan penal code,  
24 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.235, discharge of an intentionally aimed  
25 firearm resulting in injury.

26           (x) A violation of section 335a of the Michigan penal code,  
27 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.335a, indecent exposure.

1           (xi) A violation of section 411h of the Michigan penal code,  
2 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.411h, stalking.

3           (xii) A violation of section 601b(2) of the Michigan vehicle  
4 code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.601b, injuring a worker in a work zone.

5           (xiii) A violation of section 617a of the Michigan vehicle  
6 code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.617a, leaving the scene of a personal  
7 injury accident.

8           (xiv) A violation of section 625 of the Michigan vehicle code,  
9 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.625, operating a vehicle while under the  
10 influence of or impaired by intoxicating liquor or a controlled  
11 substance, or with an unlawful blood alcohol content, if the  
12 violation involves an accident resulting in damage to another  
13 individual's property or physical injury or death to another  
14 individual.

15           (xv) Selling or furnishing alcoholic liquor to an individual  
16 less than 21 years of age in violation of section 701 of the  
17 Michigan liquor control code of 1998, 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1701, if  
18 the violation results in physical injury or death to any  
19 individual.

20           (xvi) A violation of section 80176(1) or (3) of the natural  
21 resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL  
22 324.80176, operating a vessel while under the influence of or  
23 impaired by intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, or with  
24 an unlawful blood alcohol content, if the violation involves an  
25 accident resulting in damage to another individual's property or  
26 physical injury or death to any individual.

27           (xvii) A violation of a local ordinance substantially

1 corresponding to a violation enumerated in subparagraphs (i) to  
2 (xvi) .

3 (xviii) A violation charged as a crime or serious misdemeanor  
4 enumerated in subparagraphs (i) to (xvii) but subsequently reduced  
5 to or pleaded to as a misdemeanor. As used in this subparagraph,  
6 "crime" means that term as defined in section 2.

7 (b) "Crime victim services commission" means that term as  
8 described in section 2 of 1976 PA 223, MCL 18.352.

9 (c) "Defendant" means a person charged with or convicted of  
10 having committed a serious misdemeanor against a victim.

11 (d) "Final disposition" means the ultimate termination of the  
12 criminal prosecution of a defendant including, but not limited to,  
13 dismissal, acquittal, or imposition of a sentence by the court.

14 (e) "Person" means an individual, organization, partnership,  
15 corporation, or governmental entity.

16 (f) "Prisoner" means a person who has been convicted and  
17 sentenced to imprisonment for having committed a serious  
18 misdemeanor against a victim.

19 (g) "Prosecuting attorney" means the prosecuting attorney for  
20 a county, an assistant prosecuting attorney for a county, the  
21 attorney general, the deputy attorney general, an assistant  
22 attorney general, a special prosecuting attorney, or, in connection  
23 with the prosecution of an ordinance violation, an attorney for the  
24 political subdivision that enacted the ordinance upon which the  
25 violation is based.

26 (h) "Victim" means any of the following:

27 (i) An individual who suffers direct or threatened physical,

1 financial, or emotional harm as a result of the commission of a  
2 serious misdemeanor, except as provided in subparagraph (ii),  
3 (iii), ~~or~~ (iv), OR (v).

4 (ii) The following individuals other than the defendant if the  
5 victim is deceased, **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (v)**:

6 (A) The spouse of the deceased victim.

7 (B) A child of the deceased victim if the child is 18 years of  
8 age or older and sub-subparagraph (A) does not apply.

9 (C) A parent of a deceased victim if sub-subparagraphs (A) and  
10 (B) do not apply.

11 (D) The guardian or custodian of a child of a deceased victim  
12 if the child is less than 18 years of age and sub-subparagraphs (A)  
13 to (C) do not apply.

14 (E) A sibling of the deceased victim if sub-subparagraphs (A)  
15 to (D) do not apply.

16 (F) A grandparent of the deceased victim if sub-subparagraphs  
17 (A) to (E) do not apply.

18 (iii) A parent, guardian, or custodian of a victim who is less  
19 than 18 years of age and who is neither the defendant nor  
20 incarcerated, if the parent, guardian, or custodian so chooses. ~~For~~  
21 ~~the purpose of making an impact statement only, a parent, guardian,~~  
22 ~~or custodian of a victim who is less than 18 years of age at the~~  
23 ~~time of the commission of the crime and who is neither the~~  
24 ~~defendant nor incarcerated, if the parent, guardian, or custodian~~  
25 ~~so chooses.~~

26 (iv) A parent, guardian, or custodian of a victim who is so  
27 mentally incapacitated that he or she cannot meaningfully

1 understand or participate in the legal process if he or she is not  
2 the defendant and is not incarcerated.

3 (v) FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING OR MAKING AN IMPACT  
4 STATEMENT ONLY, IF THE VICTIM AS DEFINED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (i) IS  
5 DECEASED, IS SO MENTALLY INCAPACITATED THAT HE OR SHE CANNOT  
6 MEANINGFULLY UNDERSTAND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE LEGAL PROCESS, OR  
7 CONSENTS TO THE DESIGNATION AS A VICTIM OF THE FOLLOWING  
8 INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN THE DEFENDANT:

9 (A) THE SPOUSE OF THE VICTIM.

10 (B) A CHILD OF THE VICTIM IF THE CHILD IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR  
11 OLDER.

12 (C) A PARENT OF THE VICTIM.

13 (D) THE GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN OF A CHILD OF THE VICTIM IF THE  
14 CHILD IS LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE.

15 (E) A SIBLING OF THE VICTIM.

16 (F) A GRANDPARENT OF THE VICTIM.

17 (G) A GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN OF THE VICTIM IF THE VICTIM IS  
18 LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF THE COMMISSION OF THE  
19 CRIME AND THAT GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN IS NOT INCARCERATED.

20 (2) If a victim as defined in subsection (1) (h) (i) is  
21 physically or emotionally unable to exercise the privileges and  
22 rights under this article, the victim may designate his or her  
23 spouse, child 18 years of age or older, parent, sibling, or  
24 grandparent or any other person 18 years of age or older who is  
25 neither the defendant nor incarcerated to act in his or her place  
26 while the physical or emotional disability continues. The victim  
27 shall provide the prosecuting attorney with the name of the person

1 who is to act in place of the victim. During the physical or  
2 emotional disability, notices to be provided under this article to  
3 the victim shall ~~shall~~ **MUST** continue to be sent only to the victim.

4 (3) An individual who is charged with a serious misdemeanor, a  
5 crime as defined in section 2, or an offense as defined in section  
6 31 arising out of the same transaction from which the charge  
7 against the defendant arose is not eligible to exercise the  
8 privileges and rights established for victims under this article.

9 (4) An individual who is incarcerated is not eligible to  
10 exercise the privileges and rights established for victims under  
11 this article except that he or she may submit a written statement  
12 to the court for consideration at sentencing.

13 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
14 after the date it is enacted into law.