

# SENATE BILL NO. 502

August 13, 2025, Introduced by Senator SHINK and referred to Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety.

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled  
"The Michigan penal code,"  
by amending section 543m (MCL 750.543m), as added by 2002 PA 113.

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

1       Sec. 543m. (1) A person is guilty of making a terrorist threat  
2 or of making a false report of terrorism if the person does ~~either~~  
3 **any** of the following:

4       (a) Threatens to commit an act of terrorism and communicates  
5 the threat to any other person **knowing that the communication would**  
6 **be viewed as threatening violence.**

1           (b) Threatens to commit an act of terrorism and communicates  
2 the threat with reckless disregard of a substantial risk that the  
3 communication would be viewed as threatening violence.

4           (c) ~~(b)~~—Knowingly makes a false report of an act of terrorism  
5 and communicates the false report to any other person, knowing the  
6 report is false.

7           (2) It is not a defense to a prosecution under this section  
8 that the defendant did not have the intent or capability of  
9 committing the act of terrorism.

10          (3) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony  
11 punishable by imprisonment for not more than 20 years or a fine of  
12 not more than \$20,000.00, or both.

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