

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5361

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled
"The Michigan penal code,"
by amending section 383a (MCL 750.383a).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 383a. ~~Any~~ **A** person, ~~or persons who~~ **WITHOUT LAWFUL**
2 **AUTHORITY**, shall ~~wilfully~~ **NOT WILLFULLY** cut, break, obstruct,
3 injure, destroy, tamper with or manipulate, **DEFACE, OR STEAL** any
4 machinery, tools, equipment, telephone line or post, telegraph line
5 or post, **TELECOMMUNICATION LINE, TOWER, OR POST**, electric line,
6 post, tower or supporting structures, electric wire, insulator,
7 switch, or signal, natural gas ~~pipe line~~ **PIPELINE**, water ~~pipe line~~
8 **PIPELINE**, steam heat ~~pipe line~~ **PIPELINE** or the valves or other

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1 appliances or equipment appertaining to or used in connection with
2 such ~~THOSE~~ lines, or any other appliance ~~whether herein~~
3 ~~particularly mentioned or not, being~~ **OR COMPONENT OF THE ELECTRIC,**
4 **TELECOMMUNICATION, OR NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS** the
5 property of any ~~A~~ utility. ~~, with the intention and without~~
6 ~~authority to interrupt or disrupt communications or electric, gas,~~
7 ~~water or steam heat service, or to curtail or impair the~~
8 ~~utilization thereof, or who shall conspire, aid, abet in or cause~~
9 ~~to be done any such unlawful acts, shall be~~ **A PERSON WHO VIOLATES**
10 **THIS SECTION IS** guilty of a felony **PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR**
11 **NOT MORE THAN 5 YEARS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000.00, OR**
12 **BOTH. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "Utility"** ~~"UTILITY"~~ includes any pipe
13 ~~line~~ **PIPELINE**, gas, electric, heat, water, oil, sewer, telephone,
14 telegraph, **TELECOMMUNICATION**, radio, railway, railroad, airplane,
15 transportation, communication or other system, ~~by whomsoever~~
16 **WHETHER OR NOT PUBLICLY** owned, ~~or~~ **THAT IS** operated for the public
17 use.

18 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect [\[March 1,](#)
19 [2009.\]](#)