

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4061

January 28, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Slagh, O'Malley, Allor, Bezotte, Damoose, Fink and Beeler and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 2016 PA 235, entitled  
"Public threat alert system act,"  
by amending sections 2 and 3 (MCL 28.672 and 28.673).

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

1           Sec. 2. As used in this act, "public threat" means a clear,  
2 present, persistent, ongoing, and random threat to public safety  
3 **that is likely to lead to an immediate or nearly immediate loss of**  
4 **life or property.** A public threat includes, but is not limited to,  
5 ~~an~~**any of the following:**

- 1           (a) **An act of terrorism.** ~~an~~  
2           (b) **An unresolved mass shooting.** ~~or an~~  
3           (c) **An unresolved mass shooting spree.**  
4           (d) **A natural disaster including, but not limited to, a severe**  
5 **storm or flood.**  
6           (e) **An industrial explosion.**  
7           (f) **A train derailment.**  
8           (g) **An announcement of an endangered missing individual.**

9           Sec. 3. (1) The department of state police shall establish and  
10 maintain the public threat alert system plan.

11           (2) The public threat alert system plan ~~shall~~**must** be designed  
12 to rapidly disseminate useful information in a predetermined manner  
13 to radio and television stations within this state and to wireless  
14 devices through the existing wireless emergency alert system  
15 operated under federal law.

16           (3) ~~The~~**Subject to subsection (4), the** public threat alert  
17 system plan ~~shall~~**must** be activated only in accordance with the  
18 policies established by the department of state police.

19           (4) **The public threat alert system plan must not be activated**  
20 **to transmit an announcement of a new law or executive order,**  
21 **including transmitting to wireless devices through the existing**  
22 **wireless emergency alert system operated under federal law, unless**  
23 **it is necessary to transmit the announcement of the new law or**  
24 **executive order using the public threat alert system plan to**  
25 **respond to an immediate or nearly immediate loss of life or**  
26 **property.**