

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.**