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House Bill 6079 (as reported with amendments)
Sponsor: Representative James Koetje
House Committee: Criminal Justice
Senate Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to increase the maximum fine for various misdemeanors. Of the misdemeanors included in the bill, the lowest current maximum fine is \$100 and the highest is \$1,000. Under the bill, the lowest maximum fine would be \$500 and the highest would be \$1,500.

Also, it currently is a misdemeanor, with no specified penalty, to assemble, march, or parade on any street, highway, or public place while wearing a mask or covering that conceals the face of the wearer. (A misdemeanor for which no penalty is specified is punishable by up to 90 days' imprisonment and/or a maximum fine of \$100.) The bill, instead, would make it a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 93 days' imprisonment and/or a maximum fine of \$500, for a person intentionally to conceal his or her identity by wearing a mask or other face covering to facilitate the commission of a crime.

MCL 750.16 et al.

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State.

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on local governments. To the extent that it would raise penal fines, the bill would increase funds available to public libraries.

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