

# HOUSE BILL NO. 6269

September 29, 2020, Introduced by Rep. LaFave and referred to the Committee on Military, Veterans and Homeland Security.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled  
"The social welfare act,"  
(MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 57aa.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1           Sec. 57aa. (1) If an individual is charged with looting,  
2 vandalism, or a violent crime in relation to or stemming from civil  
3 unrest, the department shall revoke his or her public assistance  
4 benefits. The individual is ineligible for public assistance  
5 benefits for 1 year.



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1           (2) If an individual participates in the behavior described in  
2 subsection (1) and has a child with him or her while participating  
3 in that behavior, the department must report the individual to  
4 child protective services.

5           (3) As used in this section:

6           (a) "Civil unrest" means an act of violence or disorder  
7 detrimental to the public law and order. Civil unrest includes  
8 riots, acts of violence, insurrections, or unlawful obstruction or  
9 assemblage.

10          (b) "Looting" means stealing or the theft of goods from a  
11 place during a war or riot.

12          (c) "Public assistance" means any assistance the state may  
13 provide under this act directly for the individual, including, but  
14 not limited to, cash assistance, food assistance, or medical  
15 assistance. Public assistance does not include child care  
16 assistance.

17          (c) "Vandalism" means action involving malicious, deliberate  
18 destruction of or damage to public or private property.

19          (d) "Violent crime" means a crime that involves force or  
20 threat of force. Violent crime includes, but is not limited to,  
21 murder, nonnegligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, or aggravated  
22 assault. Violent crime also includes a crime involving a deadly  
23 weapon, intimidation, threat, or coercion.

