

**OLDER MICHIGANIANS ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 180 of 1981**

**400.586j Retaliation or discrimination as misdemeanor; unlawful conduct; fine.**

Sec. 6j.

(1) A person who retaliates or discriminates against any of the following individuals due to that individual's registration of a complaint or assistance in the investigation of a complaint is guilty of a misdemeanor:

- (a) An officer, employee, resident, or visitor to a long-term care facility.
- (b) A family member or guardian of a resident in a long-term care facility.
- (c) An ombudsman described by this act.
- (d) A volunteer at a long-term care facility.

(2) A person who willfully does any of the following in connection with an ombudsman described by this act is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,500.00:

- (a) Hinders the work of an ombudsman or an ombudsman program.
- (b) Refuses to comply with a lawful request of an ombudsman.
- (c) Offers compensation or other promises to improperly influence the outcome of a matter being investigated by an ombudsman.

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**Compiler's Notes:** For transfer of commission on services to the aging and powers and duties of the office of services to the aging from the department of community health to the aging and adult services agency created within the department of health and human services, and abolishment of the office of services to the aging, see E.R.O. No. 2015-1, compiled at MCL 400.227. For transfer of commission on services to the aging and powers and duties of the office of services to the aging from the aging and adult services agency to the department of health and human services, and abolishment of the aging and adult services agency, see E.R.O. No. 2021-2, compiled at MCL 400.562.

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