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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 12-124—HB 5148

Judiciary Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNICATIONS TO VICTIMS OF THE
CRIMINAL OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT RESULTS IN
DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY**

SUMMARY: This act makes certain pre-sentencing statements or other conduct by someone convicted of a motor vehicle offense that resulted in another's death or serious physical injury inadmissible as an admission of liability or an admission against interest in a civil or criminal proceeding. The act applies to statements, affirmations, gestures, or expressions of apology, fault, sympathy, commiseration, condolence, compassion, or a general sense of benevolence, made to the victim or the victim's relative or representative.

The act applies only to such statements or conduct made (1) after conviction but before sentencing and (2) in a courtroom closed to the public, at a time the court sets.

"Serious physical injury" means physical injury that creates a substantial risk of death or causes serious (1) disfigurement, (2) impairment of health, or (3) loss or impairment of an organ's function.

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