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Local Law Enforcement to Enforce Violations of Executive Order

Many are wondering how the Governor's far reaching stay at home order will be enforced and by whom.

The confusion and uncertainty among workers and businesses about what businesses are deemed "critical" and which employees are considered "essential" is only further complicated when the consequence for each violation of the executive order is a misdemeanor and could result in a $500 fine and/or 90 days in jail.

In response to having to temporarily shut down its consumer complaint hotline after being flooded with calls, the Attorney General's Office has instructed that all executive order violations should be referred to law enforcement. Now, local law enforcement officials are tasked with the intake and investigation of complaints from employees that their employers are violating the executive order, further adding pressure to the already busy law enforcement and emergency personnel called in to help patients.

The Attorney General's office anticipates that once local law enforcement has been contacted, law enforcement officials will provide the offender with a copy of the executive order and a reminder that each violation is a misdemeanor and carries the potential for a $500 fine and/or 90 days in jail. If there are numerous calls regarding any one offender, local law enforcement will likely get their local prosecutors involved.

While the state has compiled a list of Commonly Asked Questions and employers and employees are encouraged to submit any questions about the order via email to LEO-Coronavirus@michigan.gov, your Bodman attorneys are here to assist you personally and answer any questions you may have about the impact of the order.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Bodman attorney **Katelyn Young** at (313) 393-7532 or kyoung@bodmanlaw.com