

**BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW
&
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Status of bills updated through November 30, 2007.

2007 Public Acts

PA 32 – READING TRAINING

Extends the date for implementing the requirement for current teachers to receive training concerning reading problems.

Signed 7/1/07; immediate effect. (SB 70)

PA 34 – MERIT AWARD FUNDS

Authorizes transfers of money by the Michigan Higher Education Student Loan Authority to the Merit Trust Fund.

Signed 7/10/07; immediate effect. (HB 4851)

PA 36-40 – MICHIGAN BUSINESS TAX

PA 36 creates a new business tax system to replace the Single Business Tax which is set to expire on December 31, 2007. PA 37-40 will partially exempt commercial and industrial property from the State Education Tax and local school operating taxes.

Signed 7/12/07; effective 1/1/08. (SB 94, HB 4369-4372)

PA 41 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides for multi-department supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Signed 7/12/07; immediate effect. (HB 4493)

PA 42 – MICHIGAN PROMISE AWARD EXPANSION

Expands eligibility of the Michigan Promise Award to include certain out-of-state high school graduates.

Signed 7/12/07; immediate effect. (HB 4595)

PA 45 – VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Revises the definition of *vocational education* and the use of vocational education funds, and allows for the acquisition of necessary equipment.

Signed 7/17/07; immediate effect. (SB 188)

PA 50 – MICHIGAN TRUST FUND

Provides general amendments for tobacco securitization to the Michigan Trust Fund.

Signed 8/13/07; immediate effect. (HB 4884)

PA 52 – PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Sets the Presidential Primary for January 15, 2008, with provisions for the political parties to decide on other means for selecting a presidential candidate; requires voters to indicate a party ballot selection in writing.

Signed 9/3/07; immediate effect. (SB 624)

PA 61 – NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT TAX

Provides for tax increment financing for neighborhood improvement authorities.

Signed 9/18/07; immediate effect. (SB 69)

PA 73 – ESTATE RECOVERY PROGRAM

Establishes the Estate Recovery Program to recoup Medicaid payments.

Signed 9/30/07; immediate effect. (SB 204)

PA 74 – ESTATE RECOVERY PROGRAM

Implements the Estate Recovery Program for the Medicaid program.

Signed 9/30/07; immediate effect. (SB 374)

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PA 85 – QUALITY ASSURANCE ASSESSMENTS

Updates provisions of the Quality Assurance Assessment Program (QAAP) for nursing homes and hospitals related to the amount retained by the state to offset GF/GP funds for Medicaid.

Signed 9/30/07; immediate effect. (HB 4185)

PA 87 – NONPROFIT FEES

Revises nonprofit corporation filing fees.

Signed 9/30/07; immediate effect. (HB 5257)

PA 88 – QUALITY ASSURANCE FEES

Modifies the collection of quality assurance assessment program fees from health maintenance organizations.

Signed 9/30/07; immediate effect. (SB 796)

PA 90 – BUSINESS TAX DEDUCTION

Amends the Michigan Business Tax Act by creating a new deduction for businesses that realize an increase in their deferred tax liability due to the enactment of the new Michigan business tax which takes effect on January 1, 2008.

Signed 9/30/07; effective 1/1/08. (HB 5104)

PA 91 – CONTINUATION BUDGET

Creates a continuation budget from October 1 to December 31, 2007.

Signed 10/1/07; immediate effect. (SB 772)

PA 92 – CONTINUATION BUDGET

Provides a continuation budget for School Aid.

Signed 10/1/07; immediate effect. (SB 773)

PA 93 – TAX ON SERVICES

Amends the Use Tax Act to add certain services to the list of property and services taxed under the Act; the services would be taxed at 6 percent as of December 1, 2007.

Signed 10/1/07; effective 12/1/07; repealed 12/1/07 (HB 5198)

PA 94 – INCOME TAX RATE INCREASE

Amends the Income Tax Act to: increase the rate of the income tax temporarily to 4.35%; appropriate \$100,000 to the Department of Treasury for the implementation of the bill's requirements; and add an income tax exemption for qualified disabled veterans.

Signed 10/1/07; immediate effect. (HB 5194)

PA 95 – STATE EMPLOYEE PENSION FREEZE

Requires freezing state employee retirement benefits for the period when hired by the state either directly or indirectly.

Signed 10/1/07; immediate effect. (HB 4800)

PA 96-99 – STATE AGENCY EFFICIENCY

Public Acts 96 and 97 create the Commission on Government Efficiency to review and investigate ways to make State government more efficient, and review, investigate, and collect information necessary to evaluate each State agency's functions and services.

Public Acts 98 and 99 create the Commission on Statutory Mandates to review and investigate all mandates and reporting requirements in State law, and determine the cost of each.

Signed 10/1/07; immediate effect. (SB 395-398)

PA 100 – MEDICAID INCENTIVES

Requests a federal waiver for incentives for Medicaid recipients.

Signed 10/1/07; immediate effect. (SB 1)

PA 101 – ISD SCHOOL CALENDAR

Requires an Intermediate School District to establish a common school calendar for all of its constituent districts.

Signed 10/1/07; immediate effect. (SB 549)

PA 106-109 – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE

The bills allow for the creation of public employer pooled medical plans under certain conditions.

Signed 10/1/07; immediate effect. (SB 418-421)

PA 110 & 111 – SCHOOL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Amends the Public School Employees Retirement System to change the way retiree health benefits would be provided to those entering the retirement system (new school employees) after June 30, 2008; to make changes to provisions dealing with the purchase and use of service credit; and to increase the required contribution to the Member Investment Plan for those entering the retirement system.

Signed 10/1/07; immediate effect. (SB 546 & 547)

PA 112 – PRISONER MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Provides for contracting with third parties for mental health services for state prisoners.

Signed 10/1/07; immediate effect. (SB 622)

PA 118 – LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the Department of Labor and Economic Growth for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Signed 10/31/07 w/line-item vetoes; immediate effect. (SB 234)

PA 119 – EDUCATION BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the Department of Education for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Signed 10/31/07; immediate effect. (HB 4346)

PA 120 – COMMUNITY COLLEGES BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the community colleges for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Signed 10/31/07; immediate effect. (HB 4360)

PA 123 – COMMUNITY HEALTH BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the Department of Community Health for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Signed 10/31/07; immediate effect. (HB 4344)

PA 124 – CORRECTIONS BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the Department of Corrections for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Signed 10/31/07; immediate effect. (HB 4348)

PA 131 – HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Provides appropriations for the Department of Human Services for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Signed 10/31/07 w/line-item vetoes; immediate effect. (SB 232)

PA 138 – SPECIAL ED DISCIPLINE

Clarifies relationship of mandatory expulsion provisions for special education students facing disciplinary action with provisions in federal law.

Signed 11/12/07; immediate effect. (SB 571)

PA 139 – JAIL POPULATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

Provides for the adoption of a jail population management plan.

Signed 11/12/07; immediate effect. (HB 4234)

PA 140 – JAIL POPULATION PLAN

Implements a county jail population management plan and revises jail overcrowding procedures.

Signed 11/12/07; immediate effect. (HB 4725)

PA 141 – TRANSFER STUDENTS

Permits the parent or legal guardian of a transfer student who had completed at least two years of high school credit out of State or at a nonpublic school to request additional modifications of the Michigan Merit Standard as part of his or her personal curriculum.

Signed 11/13/07; immediate effect. (SB 403)

Resolutions Adopted

SR 85 – SERVICES TO INMATES

Urges the Governor to issue an executive directive requiring interdepartmental agreements and cooperation between the Departments of Community Health, Human Services and Corrections to coordinate services to inmates in Michigan's prisons.

Adopted 9/18/07. (Kuipers)

HR 153 – RETIREE HEALTH CARE REFORM

Amends the rules of the House to create a seven-member Retiree Health Care Reforms Committee.

Adopted 7/17/07. (Tobocman)

HR 207 – ELDER ABUSE

Urges the U.S. Congress to enact federal legislation designed to prevent elder abuse.

Adopted 10/23/07. (Robert Jones)

HR 219 – CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

Celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Michigan Children's Trust Fund in honor of its dedication to Michigan's children.

Adopted 10/29/07. (Sak)

BILLS PENDING

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Children & Families

SB 241 – CHILD CARE LICENSING

Revises licensing and registration requirements for child care centers.

Senate passed substitute with amendments 9/11/07; to House Families & Children's Services 9/11/07; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 11/28/07; reported with recommendation and referred to second reading 11/28/07. (Jacobs)

SB 242 & 243 – CHILD CARE

Changes the name of family day care home to family *child* care home and group day care home to group *child* care home.

Senate passed 9/11/07; to House Families & Children's Services 9/11/07; reported with recommendation and referred to second reading 11/28/07. (Jacobs)

HB 4564 – JOINT CUSTODY MANDATE

Mandates joint custody in disputes between parents except for limited circumstances.

Introduced 4/5/07; to Families & Children's Services; reported with recommendation for referral to Judiciary 10/10/07. (Steil)

HB 4607 – CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Allows the State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board, upon legislative appropriations or interdepartmental transfer, to fund grants for community-based collaborative prevention services and secondary prevention programs.

House passed substitute as amended 10/10/07; to Senate Appropriations 10/11/07. (Clack)

Consumer Protection

SB 826-833 – MORTGAGE PROTECTION

SB 826 and SBs 828-833 amend the Mortgage Brokers, Lenders, and Servicers Licensing Act to enact provisions concerning mortgage loan officers. SB 827 amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to delete a sentencing guidelines provision.

Senate passed substitute 11/1/07; to House Banking & Financial Services 11/6/07. (Richardville, et. al.)

SCR 20 & SR 119 – MORTGAGE PROTECTION

Urges the Office of Financial and Insurance Services to continue working on a state-based national mortgage licensing system.

Senate adopted 11/6/07; to House Banking & Financial Services. (Kahn)

Education

SB 482 – MICHIGAN PROMISE ELIGIBILITY

Adds as a qualification for the Michigan Promise Scholarship Award a qualifying score of the social studies assessment.

Introduced 5/8/07; to Education; placed on order of third reading with substitute 10/18/07. (Gleason)

SB 730 – DISABLED REFERENCE

Amends the Revised School Code to replace references to a "handicapped person" with "person with a disability."

Senate passed substitute 10/23/07; to House Education 10/23/07; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 11/27/07. (Gleason)

SB 747 – STUDENT ABSENCES

Requires that school districts grant excused absences for students when a parent is deployed or returns from combat duty.

Senate passed 10/17/07; to House Military & Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security 10/17/07. (Scott)

HB 4601 – SCHOOL RETIREE HEALTH FUND

Establishes a public school employee health care fund.

Introduced 4/17/07; to Government Operations; reported with recommendation for referral to Retiree & Health Care Reforms 10/23/07. (Hammel)

HB 4797 & 4798 – TEACHER RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Amends the Public School Employees Retirement Act to change the way retiree health benefits would be provided to those entering the retirement system (new school employees) after June 30, 2007.

Introduced 5/17/07; to Education; placed on second reading 5/25/07; re-referred to Education 6/14/07; notice given to discharge committee 9/11/07 through 9/28/07. (Melton & Johnson)

HB 4799 – TEACHER PENSION FREEZE

Freezes the retirement allowance payments of a retired public school employee if the individual was re-employed in schools, directly or indirectly (including through third-party contracts).

House passed substitute 5/25/07; Senate passed with amendments 9/23/07; Senate requested return and referred to Senate Education 10/11/07. (Wenke)

HB 5167 & 5168 – PUBLIC SCHOOL RETIREMENT

Provides for a transition process for public school employees into a defined contribution retirement plan and provides conforming language to amend the Public School Employees Retirement Act.

Introduced 9/5/07; to Education; notice given to discharge committee 9/15/07 through 9/28/07. (Wenke)

Elections/Legislative Issues

HB 4048 – ABSENTEE VOTING

Provides for the issuance of an absent voter ballot without justification.

Introduced 1/22/07; to Ethics & Elections; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 7/24/07. (Griffin)

HB 4553 – ABSENT VOTER APPLICATION

Allows mailing of absent voter ballot application to registered electors 60 years of age or older even if an application is not requested.

House passed substitute 7/25/07; to Senate Campaign & Election Oversight 8/1/07. (Corriveau)

HB 5353 – PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Cancels the 2008 presidential primary.

Introduced 10/24/07; to Oversight & Investigations; notice given to discharge committee 11/27/07. (Griffin)

Employment & Economy

HB 4316 – WORKER FREEDOM

Creates the Worker Freedom Act. to prohibit employers from forcing employees to attend a meeting at which the primary purpose was to communicate the employer's opinion about a religious or political matter, including the employer's opinion about whether its employees should join or form a union.

House passed 7/18/07 to Senate Commerce & Tourism 7/19/07. (Meadows)

HB 4443 – UNIONIZATION

Prohibits state funds from going to employers who engage in activities that discourage unionization.

Introduced 3/13/07; to Commerce; reported with recommendation for referral to Labor 10/9/07. (Miller)

HB 4600 – STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH FUND

Creates a health care reserve fund for retired state employees.

Introduced 4/17/07; to Government Operations; reported with recommendation for referral to Retiree Health Care Reforms 10/23/07. (Hammel)

HB 4809 – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS

Limits the cost of health benefits for state and local public employees.

Introduced 5/17/07; to Oversight & Investigations; motion given to discharge committee approved and placed on second reading 5/25/07; re-referred to Oversight & Investigations 10/9/07. (Wenke)

HB 4975 & 4976 – SERVICE CREDIT

Allows state employees (HB 4975) and public school employees (HB 4976) to purchase service credit towards retirement after working ten years.

Introduced 6/21/07; to Oversight & Investigations; notice given to discharge committee 9/15/07 through 9/28/07. (Ball)

HB 5169 & 5170 – FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT

Provides for a transition process into a defined contribution retirement plan for fire fighters and police officers (HB 5169) and State Police (HB 5170).

Introduced 9/5/07; to Government Operations; reported with recommendation for referral to Retiree Health Care Reforms 10/23/07. (Wenke)

Health

SB 278 – MI-HEART

Creates the "Michigan Helping Ensure Affordable and Reliable Treatment (MI-HEART) Act" to, among other things, facilitate the availability, choice, and adoption of private eligible health coverage plans, as well as the purchase of health coverage products at an affordable price.

Senate passed substitute 10/4/07; to House Health Policy 10/9/07. (George)

SB 280 & 283 – DEPENDENT COVERAGE

Amends the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act and the Insurance Code, respectively, to require a policy or certificate to permit the continuation of hospital or medical care coverage for a child until he or she reached age 26, even if the child were no longer considered a dependent.

Senate passed substitute 10/4/07; to House Health Policy 10/9/07. (Sanborn & Brown)

SB 710-715 – UNIFORM ANATOMICAL GIFT ACT

Creates the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act.

Introduced 9/4/07; to Health Policy; reported favorably with substitute and referred to committee of the whole 11/30/07. (Gleason, et. al.) Similar to HB 4940-4945 – Condino, et. al.)

SB 716 – MEDICAL RECORDS

Amends the Medical Records Access Act to revise provisions authorizing certain individuals to examine or obtain a person's medical record, and authorizes certain individuals to obtain a deceased person's autopsy report.

Senate passed 10/18/07; to House Health Policy 10/18/07. (George)

HB 4451 – PREFUNDED RETIREE HEALTH CARE

Allows counties, cities, villages, and townships, through September 30, 2010, to issue municipal securities (bonds) to pay the costs of an unfunded accrued liability in the provision of post-employment health benefits for retirees.

Introduced 3/13/07; to Intergovernmental, Urban & Regional Affairs; reported with recommendation for referral to Retiree Health Care Reforms 10/10/07. (Marleau)

HB 4819 – MEDICAL ALERT PROGRAM

Creates the "Mozelle Senior Medical Alert Act" as the official response to reports of "missing endangered seniors" (65 years of age and older), provides for the broadcasting or publishing of information about such incidents, and provides for certain civil immunity.

*House passed substitute 10/11/07; to Senate Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs 10/16/07. (Meadows)
(Similar to SB 681 – Clarke.)*

HB 5249 – QUALITY ASSURANCE ASSESSMENT FEES

Extends the sunset date for the assessment and collection of the quality assurance assessment fees from October 1, 2007 to October 1, 2008.

House passed 9/24/07; to Senate Appropriations 9/25/07. (Gillard)

HB 5282 – INDIVIDUAL HEALTH PLANS

Amends the Insurance Code to regulate individual health benefit plans.

House passed substitute 10/24/07; to Senate Health Policy 10/25/07. (V. Smith)

HB 5283 – INDIVIDUAL HEALTH PLANS

Amends the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act, which regulates Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, to require nongroup coverage to comply with individual plan regulations under the Insurance Code.

Introduced 10/11/07; to Insurance; to Senate Health Policy 10/25/07. (Gaffney)

HB 5284 & HB 5285 – INDIVIDUAL HEALTH PLANS

Permits Blue Cross and Blue Shield to own subsidiaries providing individual health plans.

House passed with amendments 10/24/07; to Senate Health Policy 10/25/07. (Farrah & Hune)

HCR 22 – HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Expresses the commitment of the Michigan Legislature to the development of a health care system that provides comprehensive coverage for all residents.

House adopted substitute 8/22/07; to Senate Health Policy 8/22/07. (Vagnozzi)

HCR 51 & HR 201 – CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

Urges the U.S. Congress to override the President's veto on expansion of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

House adopted 10/11/07; to Senate Appropriations 10/16/07; discharge committee postponed 10/18/07; discharge committee withdrawn 10/24/07. (Dean & Valentine)

Revenues & Appropriations

SB 237 – SCHOOL AID BUDGET

Provides zero budget appropriations for K-12 School Aid for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Senate passed substitute as amended 9/23/07; to House Appropriations 10/9/07; Senate requested return 10/23/07. (Jelinek)

SB 511 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides supplemental appropriations for various state departments and agencies for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Senate passed substitute as amended 9/23/07; House passed substitute 11/6/07. (Jelinek)

SB 778 – REVENUE SHARING FORMULA

Revises the revenue sharing formula for cities and villages.

Senate passed substitute 9/24/07; to House Intergovernmental, Urban & Regional Affairs 9/24/07. (Pappageorge)

HB 4492 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides appropriations for various state departments for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

House passed substitute as amended 8/8/07; to Senate Appropriations 8/30/07. (Cushingberry)

HB 5217 – REVENUE SHARING FREEZE

Extends the revenue sharing freeze for Fiscal Year 2008.

House passed substitute as amended 9/23/07; Senate passed substitute 10/17/07. (Tobocman)

Social Services

SB 668-672 – FOSTER CARE

The following bills would amend the Juvenile Code to revise provisions concerning the placement of children in foster care:

SB 668 – Clarifies termination of parental rights and parenting time.

SB 669 – Clarifies the foster care permanency plan and the permanent placement of a child.

SB 670 – Revises notice regarding the termination of parental rights.

SB 671 – Permits efforts to finalize an alternate permanency plan for a child to be made concurrently with efforts to reunify the child with his or her family.

SB 672 – Permits the court to appoint a guardian for a child who remained in placement after parental rights had been terminated.

Senate passed substitute 10/3/07; to House Families & Children's Services 10/3/07. (Hardiman, et. al.)

HB 4284 – ADULT FOSTER CARE

Allows Medicaid-eligible individuals to receive services related to care (e.g., assisted living) provided in an adult foster care facility licensed under the Adult Foster Care Facility Licensing Act; the Department of Community Health would be required to seek a waiver from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide adult foster care-related services.

Introduced 2/20/07; to Families & Children's Services; placed on second reading 5/25/07; re-referred to Families & Children's Services 10/9/07. (Ball)

Taxes

SB 53 & HB 4120 – CITY FUND CONTRIBUTION

Allows cities with income taxes to create tax checkoffs for charitable and public safety purposes.

Senate passed SB 53 with substitute as amended 3/28/07; House passed substitute 8/21/07. House passed HB 4120 with amendments 2/27/07; Senate passed substitute as amended 3/28/07; Senate substitute concurred in as substituted 8/21/07; returned from House with substitute to Senate substitute 8/22/07. (Whitmer & Bauer)

SB 111 – MOBILE HOME TAX

Provides penalties to mobile home park owners for failing to remit the required assessment tax.

Senate passed substitute 8/22/07; to House Intergovernmental, Urban & Regional Affairs 8/22/07; reported with recommendation and referred to second reading 11/7/07; placed on third reading 11/26/07. (Jelinek)

SB 328 – TOBACCO TAX

Increases the tobacco tax.

Introduced 3/1/07; to Finance; discharge committee approved and placed on order of general orders 3/15/07; referred to Finance 10/3/07. (Basham) (Similar to HB 4389 – Young.)

SB 687 – DEFERRED TAX LIABILITY

Allows for deferred tax liability deduction under the Michigan Business Tax.

Senate passed substitute 9/5/07; to House Tax Policy 9/5/07; placed on second reading 9/26/07; re-referred to Tax Policy 10/9/07. (Gilbert)

SB 838 – SERVICE TAX REPEAL

Repeals the new tax on services.

Senate passed substitute 11/7/07; to House Tax Policy 11/7/08; notice given to discharge committee 11/8/07; motion to discharge committee postponed for the day 11/26/07. (Cassis) (Similar to SB 824 – Brown & HB 5373 – Hildenbrand.)

SB 845 – USE TAX

Sets declining rate on tax assessed on services.

Senate passed substitute as amended 11/1/07; to House Tax Policy 11/6/07; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 11/7/08. (Brown)

HB 5105 – DETROIT INCOME TAX

Repeals the Detroit city income tax reduction.

House passed substitute 10/3/07; to Senate Finance 10/9/07. (Tobocman) (Similar to SB 685 – Hunter.)

HB 5125 – RENAISSANCE ZONE CREDIT

Allows insurance companies to claim a renaissance zone credit in the Michigan Business Tax.

House passed substitute 10/11/07; to Senate Finance 10/16/07. (Bieda)

HB 5330 – INSURANCE CHARITY CREDIT

Amends the Michigan Business Tax to provide credit for charitable contributions by insurance companies.

Introduced 10/18/07; to Tax Policy; reported with recommendation and referred to second reading 11/6/07. (Bieda)

HCR 49 – TAX COMMITTEE

Creates a Tax Credit, Exemption and Deduction Joint Study Committee to make recommendations on the effectiveness

and cost of tax credits, exemptions and deductions in Michigan.

House adopted 9/24/07; to Senate Government Operations & Reform 9/25/07. (Meisner)

Miscellaneous

HB 5101 – NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE ZONES

Expands eligibility in neighborhood enterprise zones to include new facilities.

House passed 10/9/07; to Senate Commerce & Tourism 10/10/07. (Farrah)

HB 5355 – CRIME VICTIM FUND

Broadens the type of authorized expenditures and the use of funds from the Crime Victim's Rights Fund.

Introduced 10/24/07; to Appropriations; substitute adopted and placed on third reading 11/27/07; re-referred to Appropriations 11/28/07. (McDowell)

BILLS INTRODUCED

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Adoption

SB 666 – SECOND PARENT ADOPTIONS

Provides for second parent adoptions.

Introduced 8/1/07; to Judiciary. (Whitmer)

HB 5261 – ADOPTION LEAVE

Provides for adoption leave.

Introduced 9/24/07; to Families & Children's Services. (Gillard)

Children & Families

SB 645 – CHILD SUPPORT COMPLAINT

Allows the use of a substitute service for processing a summons in cases where the noncustodial parent is avoiding being served.

Introduced 7/24/07; to Judiciary. (Cherry)

SB 718 – MINOR TOBACCO

Modifies penalties for retailers for the sale of tobacco products to minors.

Introduced 9/4/07; to Judiciary. (Jacobs)

HB 5050 – CHILD SUPPORT PAYERS

Requires self-employed child support payers to disclose their bank accounts and allows Friend of the Court to obtain information regarding it.

Introduced 7/24/07; to Families & Children's Services. (Stakoe)

HB 5264 – YOUTH TRAINING

Creates the Michigan Youth Job Training Corps to encourage employment-related educational opportunities and to provide for participation by certain employers.

Introduced 9/25/07; to Commerce. (Young)

HB 5367 & 5368 – JUVENILE PLACEMENT

Prohibits the use of state funds for out-of-state juvenile placements.

Introduced 10/25/07; to Appropriations. (Spade)

Consumer Protection

HB 5272 – PREDATORY LENDING

Allows regulation of certain predatory lending practices by municipalities.

Introduced 9/28/07; to Banking & Financial Services. (Jackson)

HB 5287-5310 – PREDATORY LENDING

A package of bills that change lending laws in order to protect consumers from unscrupulous lending practices.

Introduced 10/11/07; to Banking & Financial Services. (Jackson, et. al.)

Education

SB 646 – MICHIGAN PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

Amends the Michigan Promise Grant Act to remove a requirement that a student who graduates from high school beginning in the 2010-2011 school year complete three credits in math and three credits in science in order to be eligible for grant payments during the student's first two years of postsecondary enrollment.

Introduced 7/24/07; to Education. (Cherry)

SB 673 – SINGLE-GENDER SCHOOLS

Revises the requirements for the establishment of single-gender schools.

Introduced 8/1/07; to Education. (Hardiman) (Similar to HB 5087 – Hildenbrand.)

SB 694 – AFRICAN HISTORY STUDIES

Provides content requirements concerning African history curriculum in elementary public school grades.

Introduced 8/30/07; to Education. (Thomas) (Similar to HB 4886 – Clack.)

SB 695 & 696 – SCHOOL VACCINE COVERAGE

Provides for health insurance coverage for school-required vaccines for children in grades K-12.

Introduced 8/30/07; to Education. (Jacobs)

SB 804-814 – SCHOOL TESTS

Revises the requirements and procedures for school tests.

Introduced 9/24/07; to Appropriations or Education. (Switalski, et. al.)

SB 834 – FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSE

Allows a financial literacy course as a permissible mathematics course under the Michigan merit standard for high school graduation.

Introduced 10/17/07; to Education. (Switalski)

SB 836 – SCHOOL SHARED TIME AID

Revises the requirements for qualifying for state aid for shared-time instruction between public and private schools.

Introduced 10/18/07; to Education. (Van Woerkom)

SB 842 – BASIC LITERACY

Requires students to show basic literacy before they can be advanced to the fourth grade.

Introduced 10/24/07; to Education. (Kuipers)

HB 5052 – STUDENTS WITH HEALTH ISSUES

Establishes guidelines for management of certain students with certain life-threatening health issues.

Introduced 7/24/07; to Education. (Amos)

HB 5063 – SINGLE-GENDER SCHOOLS

Modifies provisions regarding single-gender schools, classes or programs.

Introduced 7/25/07; to Education. (Hildenbrand)

HB 5083 – SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Provides for expenditure reporting requirements for school districts.

Introduced 8/1/07; to Education. (Meltzer)

HB 5084 – ISD EXPENDITURES

Revises the expenditure reporting requirements for intermediate school districts (ISDs).

Introduced 8/1/07; to Education. (Amos)

HB 5124 – SINGLE-GENDER SCHOOLS

Modifies the provision regarding single-gender schools, classes or programs.

Introduced 8/22/07; to Education. (Sak)

HB 5161 – MERIT ELIGIBILITY

Extends the period of eligibility for the Merit Award Scholarship to seven years for certain students.

Introduced 9/5/07; to Education. (Melton)

HB 5164 – COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS

Provides procedures for the reorganization of community college districts.

Introduced 9/5/07; to Education. (Wenke)

HB 5323 – SPECIAL EDUCATION RULES

Restores the authority of the State Board of Education over special education rules.

Introduced 10/17/07; to Education. (Miller)

HB 5375 – MICHIGAN PROMISE ZONES

Establishes Michigan promise zones and provides funding through state education tax revenue.

Introduced 10/25/07; to Education. (Melton) (Similar to SB 861 – Van Woerkom.)

HB 5381 – TRUANCY

Provides for the family division of circuit court to notify the Secretary of State of a truancy disposition.

Introduced 10/30/07; to Education. (Clack)

HB 5382 – TRUANCY

Requires adoption and implementation by schools and prosecutors of truancy policies.

Introduced 10/30/07; to Education. (Clack)

Elections/Legislative Issues

SB 650 – BALLOT QUESTION FRAUD

Requires supporters of a ballot question petition to submit the proposed ballot question to the Board of State Canvasers for review and approval, and provides penalties for knowingly obtaining a signature through fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.

Introduced 7/24/07; to Campaign & Election Oversight. (Gleason)

SB 758 – VOTER I.D.

Eliminates the requirement that voters show picture identification before receiving a ballot.

Introduced 9/11/07; to Campaign & Elections Oversight. (Cherry)

SJR H – AUDITS

Allows legislative auditor general to audit local governments and public school districts.

Introduced 9/23/07; to Government Operations & Reform. (Clarke)

HB 5165 – LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CARE

Revises the legislative health care benefits system.

Introduced 9/5/07; to Government Operations. (Wenke)

HB 5166 – LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUDGETS

Requires legislative office budgets and expenditures to be public records.

Introduced 9/5/07; to Oversight & Investigations. (Wenke)

HB 5337 – PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP

Requires proof of U.S. citizenship when registering to vote.

Introduced 10/23/07; to Oversight & Investigations. (D. Law)

HB 5350 – CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Revises campaign finance requirements for constitutional convention delegates.

Introduced 10/24/07; to Ethics & Elections. (Knollenberg)

HJR BB – PART-TIME LEGISLATURE

Provides for a part-time Legislature; revises legislators' salaries and extends term limits.

Introduced 10/10/07; to Government Operations. (Leland)

HJR DD – LEGISLATIVE SALARIES

Modifies legislative salaries based on performance.

Introduced 10/23/07; to Oversight & Investigations. (Opsommer)

Employment & Economy

SB 634 – PREVAILING WAGE

Modifies the prevailing wage law.

Introduced 7/17/07; to Commerce & Tourism. (Cassis)

SB 759 – WHISTLEBLOWERS

Extends whistleblowers protection to health care employees.

Introduced 9/11/07; to Health Policy. (Cherry)

HB 5136 – WAGE DISCRIMINATION

Increases penalties for third and subsequent violations for wage discrimination based on sex.

Introduced 8/23/07; to Labor. (Miller)

HB 5144 – RENAISSANCE ZONES

Allows for the expansion of existing renaissance zones.

Introduced 8/29/07; to Commerce. (Huizenga)
(Similar to SB 693 – Kuipers.)

HB 5245 – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

Creates an exception for domestic violence victims from disqualification from receiving employment benefits.

Introduced 9/19/07; to Labor. (Johnson)

HB 5246 – MINIMUM WAGE

Requires that the minimum wage for restaurant waitstaff be the same as the prevailing state minimum wage.

Introduced 9/19/07; to Labor. (Lemmons)

HJR U – BALLOT PROPOSALS

Requires statewide ballot proposals to be voted on at odd-year general elections.

Introduced 8/8/07; to Ethics & Elections. (Pearce)

HJR Y – TAX INCREASE VOTES

Requires a three-fifths vote of the Legislature on a tax increase or imposition of a new tax and requires a sunset unless approved by a majority of electors.

Introduced 9/12/07; to Tax Policy. (Hoogendyk)

Health

SB 717 – PHARMACY LABELING

Modifies certain criteria regarding pharmacy labeling.

Introduced 9/4/07; to Health Policy. (Jacobs)

SB 784 & 785 – AUTISM

Requires that certain expenses and treatments related to autism be covered by health insurance and health care corporations.

Introduced 9/19/07; to Health Policy. (Hunter)

SR 92 – SCHIP REAUTHORIZATION

Urges the U.S. Congress to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) for Michigan.

Introduced 8/30/07; to Appropriations. (Clark-Coleman)

SR 124 – SCHIP REAUTHORIZATION

Urges the U.S. President and Congress to work cooperatively to resolve the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) bill.

Introduced 10/30/07; to Appropriations. (Richardville)

HB 5325 – ENERGY SHUTOFF PROTECTION

Prohibits shutting off energy service to persons with certain medical conditions.

Introduced 10/18/07; to Energy & Technology. (Scott)

HB 5377 – CHILD HEALTH

Requires information regarding Michigan's child health insurance program to be provided to individuals filing for unemployment benefits.

Introduced 10/26/07; to Families & Children's Services. (Miller)

HR 205 – SCHOOL HEALTH CLINIC

Urges the U.S. Congress to enact the School-Based Health Clinic Establishment Act of 2007.

Introduced 10/10/07; to Health Policy. (Gillard)

HR 215 – LIFETIME RESPITE CARE

Urges the U.S. Congress to provide full funding for the Life-span Respite Care Act.

Introduced 10/18/07; to Health Policy. (Stahl)

Housing

HB 5029 – LEAD REGISTRY

Revises reference to the Michigan Lead Safe Housing Registry in the Public Health Code.

Introduced 7/18/07; to Health Policy. (Steil)

HB 5183 – LANDLORD FEES

Requires a landlord to disclose service fee housing and the homestead property tax credit to tenants under certain circumstances.

Introduced 9/6/07; to Commerce. (LaJoy)

HB 5376 – HOMEOWNERSHIP

Creates the Michigan Homeownership Preservation Fund and finances it with civil fines.

Introduced 10/26/07; to Banking & Financial Institutions. (Scott)

Revenues & Appropriations

Note: The introduction of a “zero budget” appropriations bill in either the House or the Senate is a procedural move routinely used to provide a substitute bill, should the initial appropriations bill be stalled in an appropriations committee.

The following are Executive Budget bills for various state budgets for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

SB 253 – UNIVERSITIES & HIGHER EDUCATION (HB 4350)

SB 254 – HIGHER EDUCATION (HB 4351)

SB 256 – HUMAN SERVICES (HB 4357)

SB 258 – LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH (HB 4345)

SB 263 – SCHOOL AID (HB 4359)

Introduced 2/21/07; to Appropriations.

SB 795 – FY 2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides zero budget appropriations for various state departments and agencies for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Introduced 9/17/07; to Appropriations. (Jelinek)

SB 802 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides zero budget appropriations for various state departments and agencies for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Introduced 9/24/07; to Appropriations. (Jelinek)

SB 803 – SCHOOL AID BUDGET

Provides zero budget appropriations for School Aid for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Introduced 9/24/07; to Appropriations. (Jelinek)

HB 4495 & 4496 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides appropriations for various state departments for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Introduced 3/20/07; to Appropriations. (Cushingberry)

HB 5137 – STATE SPENDING

Creates a searchable database for all state expenditures.

Introduced 8/23/07; to Oversight & Investigations. (Hoogendyk)

HB 5172 – REVENUE SHARING

Provides for per capita distribution of revenue sharing for cities, villages, and townships.

Introduced 9/5/07; to Appropriations. (Acciavatti)

HB 5216 – MEDICAID FRAUD

Revises liability for false or fraudulent claims to the Medicaid program.

Introduced 9/15/07; to Health Policy. (D. Law)

The following are zero budget appropriations bills for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

HB 5223 – COMMUNITY COLLEGES

HB 5224 – HUMAN SERVICES

HB 5225 – HIGHER EDUCATION

HB 5226 – HIGHER EDUCATION

HB 5230 – CORRECTIONS

HB 5231 – LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH

HB 5235 – COMMUNITY HEALTH

HB 5237 – EDUCATION

HB 5238 – SCHOOL AID

Introduced 9/15/07; to Appropriations. (Bauer, et. al.)

HB 5268 – STATE SHUTDOWN

Provides for regulatory late fee and sanction waiver during a State regulatory shutdown.

Introduced 9/27/07; to Regulatory Reform. (Horn)

HB 5342-5347 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Provides appropriations for various state departments for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Introduced 10/24/07; to Appropriations. (Cushingberry)

HJR AA – BUDGET APPROVAL

Provides for a requirement for budget approvals by July 1.

Introduced 9/27/07; to Appropriations. (Vagnozzi)

HR 220 – APPROPRIATIONS

Calls upon the Governor and Appropriations Committees to ensure that the budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 does not exceed 98 percent of the budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Introduced 10/30/07; to Oversight & Investigations. (Horn)

Social Services

HB 5049 – FOSTER CARE

Provides for a limitation on the number of adult foster care homes in a region or municipality.

Introduced 7/24/07; to Regulatory Reform. (Johnson)

HR 208 – FOOD ASSISTANCE

Urges the U.S. Congress to expand the food assistance program to allow all recipients of the electronic benefits transfer card to use it in approved restaurants.

Introduced 10/16/07; to Families & Children's Services. (Johnson)

Taxes

SB 642 – UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Provides for a deduction of unemployment benefits from income tax.

Introduced 7/19/07; to Finance. (Basham)

SB 652 – CHARITY TAX CREDIT

Extends the deadline to qualify for an income tax credit.

Introduced 7/24/07; to Finance. (George)

SB 662 – EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

Makes application of earned income tax credit conditional.

Introduced 7/26/07; to Finance. (Cassis)

SB 777 – INCOME TAX INCREASE

Increases the income tax rate and the personal deduction.

Introduced 9/17/07; to Finance. (Gleason)

SB 790 – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

Increases the homestead property tax credit income eligibility.

Introduced 9/19/07; to Finance. (Pappageorge)

SB 791 – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

Increases the homestead property tax credit.

Introduced 9/19/07; to Finance. (Van Woerkom)

SB 792 – CHILD CARE DEDUCTION

Increases the child care deduction.

Introduced 9/19/07; to Finance. (Kahn)

SB 793 – PERSONAL EXEMPTION

Increases the personal exemption.

Introduced 9/19/07; to Finance. (Richardville)

SB 857 – SKIING SERVICES TAX

Exempts skiing from the services tax; clarifies application of the tax to couriers/messengers and travel services.

Introduced 10/29/07; to Finance. (Allen)

SB 862 – TAX DEDUCTION

Provides for an income tax deduction of up to \$5,000 on fire fighter's wage or comparable amount.

Introduced 10/30/07; to Finance. (Kahn)

HB 5043 – FUND-RAISING TAX BREAK

Raises the sales tax exemption limit on sales of property for fund-raising purposes.

Introduced 7/19/07; to Regulatory Reform. (D. Law)

HB 5128 – INCOME TAX

Provides for income tax rate revisions.

Introduced 8/22/07; to Tax Policy. (Cushingberry)

HB 5129 – INCOME TAX

Cleans up Single Business Tax (SBT) references and rate provisions in the income tax.

Introduced 8/22/07; to Tax Policy. (Cushingberry)

HB 5132 – INCOME TAX

Revises the taxable income of the income tax.

Introduced 8/22/07; to Tax Policy. (Cushingberry)

HB 5135 – SALES TAX

Provides for sales tax on services and admission transmission transactions.

Introduced 8/22/07; to Tax Policy. (Cushingberry)

HB 5140 – SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Provides for a sales tax holiday for the purchase of educational supplies by students.

Introduced 8/29/07; to Tax Policy. (Palmer)

HB 5193 – REVENUE SHARING

Revises reference to single business tax in revenue sharing statute.

Introduced 9/7/07; to Tax Policy. (Tobocman)

HB 5208 – COLLEGE GRADUATE TAX CREDIT

Provides for a tax credit against the Michigan Business Tax for hiring a graduate of a Michigan college or university.

Introduced 9/12/07; to Tax Policy. (Gaffney)

HB 5271 – INCOME TAX EARMARK

Earmarks 0.1 percent increase in the income tax to pay for the changeover of employees from a defined benefit to a defined contribution plan.

Introduced 9/28/07; to Tax Policy. (Wenke)

HB 5280 – SERVICE TAX REPEAL

Repeals the use tax on certain services.

Introduced 10/10/07; to Tax Policy. (Acciavatti)

HB 5334 – PRORATED HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Provides for prorated homestead property tax exemption if filed after May 1 of each year.

Introduced 10/18/07; to Tax Policy. (Miller)

HB 5386 – SERVICES TAX EXEMPTION

Exempts certain small businesses from the service tax.

Introduced 10/31/07; to Tax Policy. (Gaffney)

HB 5399 – SERVICES TAX

Revises the application of the tax to certain services.

Introduced 10/31/07; to Tax Policy. (Gillard)

(Similar to SB 872 – Prusi.)

HB 5400 – SERVICES TAX

Revises certain tax bases, tax rates, tax credits, and refunds based on business tax revenue, and repeals certain use tax exemptions and statutory appropriations.

Introduced 10/31/07; to Tax Policy. (Gillard)

HR 155 – HEARING AID ASSISTANCE

Urges the United States Congress to enact the Hearing Aid Assistance Tax Credit Act.

Introduced 7/19/07; to Health Policy. (Sak)

Veterans

SB 735 – DISABLED VETERANS TUITION

Provides tuition waivers for disabled veterans.

Introduced 9/6/07; to Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs. (Pappageorge)

SB 736-746 – IN-STATE TUITION

SB 736-746 prohibit colleges and universities from benefiting from certain programs and funding sources if they do not provide in-state tuition to military personnel and their families stationed in Michigan.

SB 736 – Prohibits reimbursement of North American Indian tuition waiver.

SB 737 – Prohibits the use of nursing scholarship funds.

SB 738 – Prohibits the use of veterans' tuition grant funds.

SB 739 – Prohibits the use of state competitive scholarship funds. (Similar to HB 5176 – Polidori.)

SB 740 – Prohibits the use of Michigan Promise Grant funds. (Similar to HB 5177 – Polidori.)

SB 741 – Prohibits the use of educational opportunity grant Funds. (Similar to HB 5209 – Polidori.)

SB 742 – Prohibits work-study program funds.

SB 743 – Prohibits work-study program for graduate and professional students funds.

SB 744 – Prohibits the use of part-time independent student grant funds.

SB 745 – Prohibits the use of Michigan Education Trust money.

SB 746 – Prohibits reimbursement for corrections officer survivor tuition waivers.

Introduced 9/6/07; to Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs. (Allen, et. al.)

SB 818 – VETERANS LICENSE PLATES

Waives the service fee for vehicle registration plates for veterans.

Introduced 9/29/07; to Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs. (Pappageorge) (Similar to SB 820 – Richardville.)

HB 5173 – IN-STATE TUITION

Prohibits reimbursement to state universities and community colleges that do not grant in-state tuition to certain military personnel stationed in Michigan and their dependents.

Introduced 9/6/07; to Military & Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security. (Polidori)

HB 5279 – WORK STUDY REQUIREMENTS

Bars the use of work-study programs at universities and colleges that do not grant in-state tuition to certain military personnel stationed in Michigan and their dependents.

Introduced 10/10/07; to Military & Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security. (Accavitti)

Miscellaneous

SB 697 – DRIVER RESPONSIBILITY FEES

Modifies payment options for driver's responsibility fees.

Introduced 8/30/07; to Transportation. (Garcia)

HB 5062 – ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

Provides for a report on the recovery of federal reimbursement for costs associated with illegal immigrants.

Introduced 7/24/07; to Government Operations. (Opsommer)

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APPOINTMENTS

BARRIER FREE DESIGN BOARD

The Board has the responsibility of receiving, reviewing, and processing requests for exceptions to the barrier free design specifications, requiring appropriate equivalent alternatives when exceptions are granted, and receiving, processing, and making recommendations for barrier free design rules.

Roger L. Donaldson, Holt, was appointed to represent architects for a term expiring 10/31/08, and **Daryl D. Domke**, Grand Rapids, was appointed to represent wheelchair users for a term expiring 10/31/09. The appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND

The Commission serves approximately 4,500 blind persons each year through its programs: vocational rehabilitation services, independent living services, deaf blind services, youth services, the business enterprise program, and the MCB Training Center.

Appointed for terms expiring 9/30/10 were **Mark A. Eagle**, Lansing, to represent blind persons, and **Margaret Wolfe**, Ann Arbor, to represent the general public. The appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Michigan Senate within 60 days.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BOARD

The Board is responsible for administering state and federal funding for domestic violence shelters and advocacy services, developing and recommending policy, and developing and providing technical assistance and training.

Jerry Dorsey IV, Farmington Hills, was appointed to represent persons with experience in an area related to the problems of domestic violence for a term expiring 9/30/10. The appointment stands confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

EDUCATION TRUST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board provides an avenue for families to invest in their children's future, enabling them to attend a Michigan institution of higher education.

Appointed for terms expiring 12/31/08 were **Gregory L. Clevenger**, Grand Blanc, to represent nominees of the majority leader of the state Senate with knowledge, skill and experience in the academic, business or financial fields; **Marlene E. Davis**, Southfield, to represent nominees of the Speaker of the House of Representatives with knowledge, skill and experience in the academic, business or financial fields; and **John H. Hale III**, Franklin, to represent persons with knowledge, skill and experience in the academic, business or financial fields. Also appointed was **Albert L. Lorenzo**, Ph.D., Clinton Township, to represent presidents of community or junior colleges for a term expiring 12/31/09. The appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

CERTIFICATE OF NEED COMMISSION

This bipartisan Commission reviews and determines the need for new institutional health services, facilities, or organizations being offered or developed in Michigan.

Thomas M. Smith, Saginaw, was appointed to represent companies that are self-insured for health coverage for a term expiring 4/9/10. The appointment stands confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

BOARD OF MEDICINE

The Board is responsible for the examination and licensing of persons prior to their entry into the practice of allopathic medicine in Michigan. The Board also establishes minimal standards of acceptable practice and assesses penalties for when those standards are not met as well as recommends licensure to schools or individuals once the designated exam, which is created by the board, is passed.

Nathaniel Smith-Tyge, Allen Park, was appointed to represent the general public for a term expiring 12/31/10. The appointment stands confirmed unless disapproved by the Michigan Senate within 60 days.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

The Commission's mission is to facilitate and promote the design, implementation, operation, and maintenance of an interoperable health care information infrastructure in Michigan.

Kimberly G. Ross, Dewitt, was appointed to represent pharmaceutical manufacturers for a term expiring 8/3/08.

Robert T. Scott, D.O., Williamston was appointed to represent doctors of osteopathic medicine and surgery for a term expiring 8/3/11. The appointments are subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

BOARD OF NURSING

The Board is responsible for the interpretation of licensure and examination of registered professional nurses, licensed practical nurses, and for the certification of nursing specialists. The Board sets minimum standards of practice and assesses penalties when those standards are not met and recommend licensure to schools that provide nursing programs.

Appointed to represent the general public were **Regina D. Allen**, Lansing, for a term expiring 6/30/11; **Suzanne M. Bosek**, Royal Oak, for a term expiring 6/30/10; and **Terese E. Cole**, Flint, for a term expiring 6/30/10. **Melynda J. Daley**, Marquette, was appointed to represent licensed practical nurses for a term expiring 6/30/08.

MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MSHDA)

MSHDA, a bipartisan entity, provides financial and technical assistance through public and private partnerships to create and preserve decent, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income Michigan residents.

Ismael Ahmed, Dearborn, director of the Department of Human Services, was appointed to represent principal heads of the executive branch of state government for a

term expiring at the pleasure of the governor. **Bernard S. Glieberman**, West Bloomfield, was appointed for a term expiring 3/10/10. Appointed to represent Democrats for terms expiring 3/10/11 were **Marianne Udow-Phillips**, Ann Arbor, director of the Center for Healthcare Quality and Transformation and former director of the Department of Human Services, and **Archie L. Clark**, Ecorse, president and CEO of Progressive Parking LTD. The appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Michigan Senate within 60 days.

COUNCIL FOR LABOR AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

The Council is charged with assessing trends and issues, developing strategies, and acting as an ongoing strategic advising body that encourages and stimulates innovative public and private responses to workforce challenges.

Appointed to represent business for terms expiring 4/30/11 were **David Adams**, Brighton, **Jumana Judeh**, Dearborn Heights, and **Karen S. Kosniewski**, Royal Oak. The appointments are not subject to disapproval by the Michigan Senate.

VETERANS' TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board provides for temporary assistance to veterans and their dependants for emergency and educational purposes from the earnings of funds. The fund also dispenses tuition funding to children of veterans 100 percent disabled or who were killed in service.

John H. Skinner, Schoolcraft, was appointed to represent the American Legion for a term expiring 2/25/10. The appointment is not subject to disapproval by the Michigan Senate.

WOMEN'S COMMISSION

The Commission, housed within the Department of Civil Rights, focuses on improving quality of life for women in the state by studying and reviewing the status of Michigan women; directing attention to critical issues that women face; recommending methods to overcome discrimination; promoting methods for women to develop their skills; conducting surveys and establishing advisory committees on vital issues; and recognizing the accomplishments of women in Michigan.

The following were appointed to represent the general public: **Pamela M. Faris**, Clio, for a term expiring 7/15/08; **Estelle P. Smyth**, Escanaba, for a term expiring 7/15/09; and **Donna L. Budnick**, Harbor Springs, **Ronda E. Stryker**, Portage, and **Alexandra S. Matish**, Ann Arbor, for terms expiring 7/15/10. All appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.



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