



# Legislative Bulletin

JANUARY 2006

## BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW & RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Status of bills updated through January 3, 2006.

### 2005 Public Acts

#### **PA 160 – CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND CHECKOFF**

Reinstates the income tax checkoff allowing taxpayers to contribute money to the Children's Trust Fund.

Signed 10/3/05; immediate effect. (SB 503)

#### **PA 161 – DENTALLY UNDERSERVED**

Revises the requirements for the designation as a grantee health agency to provide services for dentally underserved populations in this state.

Signed 10/4/05; immediate effect. (HB 4996)

#### **PA 162 – MANUFACTURED HOME LIENS**

Revises enforcement procedures for mortgage liens on manufactured homes.

Signed 10/4/05; immediate effect. (HB 4484)

#### **PA 167 – CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

Prohibits and provides penalties for the distribution of a controlled substance to another individual who dies as a result of the substance.

Signed 10/6/05; immediate effect. (HB 4673)

#### **PA 168 – CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

Enacts sentencing guidelines for the crime of the unlawful delivery of a controlled substance resulting in the death of another person.

Signed 10/6/05; immediate effect. (SB 423)

#### **PA 176 – ORGAN PROCUREMENT**

Requires that a medical examiner notify Michigan's federally designated organ procurement organization and complete an examination within a reasonable time.

Signed 10/19/05; immediate effect. (HB 4938)

#### **PA 180 & 181 – ELIGIBLE STUDENT**

Prohibit fifth year high school students from participating in programs reimbursed under the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act and the Career Technical Preparation Act, respectively.

Signed 10/20/05; immediate effect. (HB 4143 & 4144)

#### **PA 182 – CENSUS WAGE RECORD DATA**

Amends the Michigan Employment Security Act to allow confidential information in the possession of the Unemployment Insurance Agency to be made available to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Signed 10/20/05; immediate effect. (SB 553)

#### **PA 184 – VICTIM'S RIGHTS ACT REVISIONS**

Amends the Crime Victim's Rights Act to implement a variety of amendments, including requiring full restitution from a defendant whose conviction is set aside or dismissed upon successful completion of probation or who received a deferred or delayed sentence.

Signed 10/20/05; effective 1/1/06. (HB 4588)

#### **PA 187 – HOSPITAL MEDICAID FEE**

Extends the sunset on hospital quality assurance assessments and increases hospital appropriations.

Signed 10/27/05; immediate effect. (HB 5055)

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### **PA 188 – COUNTERCYCLICAL BUDGET**

Makes appropriations to the General Fund for the Counter-cyclical Budget and Economic Stabilization Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005.

Signed 11/4/05; effective 11/7/05. (SB 438)

### **PA 196 – CITY REVENUE SHARING**

Revises the distribution formula for revenue sharing for cities and villages.

Signed 11/5/05; immediate effect. (HB 5253)

### **PA 202 – BEFORE-/AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Provides procedures for deemed status for before- and after-school programs.

Signed 11/10/05; immediate effect. (HB 5110)

### **PA 203 – HEALTH CARE COMPETITION COMMITTEE**

Eliminates the joint legislative committee to investigate the degree of competition in the health care coverage market.

Signed 11/10/05; immediate effect. (SB 480)

### **PA 205 – FALSE “AMBER ALERT” PENALTIES**

Prohibits and provides penalties for reporting a false “Amber Alert.”

Signed 11/10/05; effective 2/1/06. (SB 74)

### **PA 206 – CHILDREN’S REGISTRY**

Provides technical amendment to the Children’s Protection Registry Act.

Signed 11/11/05; immediate effect. (SB 708)

### **PA 207 – FALSE CHILD ABDUCTION**

Creates sentencing guidelines for the crime of intentionally falsely reporting the abduction of a child to authorities.

Signed 11/11/05; effective 2/1/06. (SB 134)

### **PA 214 – INVESTMENT INCOME TAX DEDUCTION**

Provides for an income tax deduction for certain investments.

Signed 11/21/05; immediate effect. (SB 521)

### **PA 216 – SBT REPEAL**

Resumes the repeal of the Single Business Tax (SBT) in 2007 with a rate reduction of .1 percentage point and continuing until elimination of the tax in 2025.

Signed 11/21/05; immediate effect. (SB 633)

### **PA 221 – HEALTH CARE COSTS**

Increases the deduction for health care-related expenses that employers incur for their employees.

Signed 11/21/05; immediate effect. (HB 4342)

### **PA 222 – SBT PROPERTY TAX CREDIT**

Creates a new single business tax credit for property taxes paid on industrial personal property.

Signed 11/21/05; immediate effect. (HB 4972)

### **PA 223 – SBT SALES FACTOR APPORTIONMENT**

Revises the Single Business Tax (SBT) sales factor apportionment.

Signed 11/21/05; immediate effect. (HB 4973)

### **PA 225 – JOBS FOR MICHIGAN**

Creates the Jobs for Michigan Fund.

Signed 11/21/05 with line-item vetoes; immediate effect. (HB 5047)

### **PA 226 – TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

Provides for securitization of certain tobacco settlement funds.

Signed 11/21/05; immediate effect. (HB 5048)

### **PA 227 – LATE PAYMENT TAX PENALTIES**

Increases penalties for late payments of certain income tax withholding, sales tax, and use tax payments.

Signed 11/21/05; immediate effect. (HB 5095)

### **PA 230 – SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS**

Eliminates a current sales tax exemption for vehicles purchased by a public or parochial school that are to be used for driver education classes.

Signed 11/21/05; immediate effect. (HB 5106)

### **PA 231 – SBT CUT**

Creates a new jobs/personal property tax credit, expands small business eligibility requirements related to compensation paid to officers or shareholders and adjusted business income, and decreases the alternative tax rate.

Signed 11/21/05; immediate effect. (HB 5108)

### **PA 232 – TOBACCO SECURITIZATION**

Provides for securitization of tobacco settlement funds; creates 21<sup>st</sup> Century Jobs Trust Fund; and directs investment of the Trust Fund.

Signed 11/21/05; immediate effect. (HB 5109)

### **PA 244 – DEFERRED PRESENTMENT BUSINESSES**

Regulates the business of providing deferred presentment service transactions.

Signed 11/26/05; immediate effect. (HB 4834)

**PA 248 – CHILDREN OF VETERANS**

Provides tuition waivers at public universities for children of deceased or disabled members of the armed forces.

Signed 12/1/05; immediate effect. (HB 4001)

**PA 249 – VETERANS TUITION TAX CHECKOFF**

Provides an income tax checkoff to provide funds for college tuition for children of veterans.

Signed 12/1/05; immediate effect. (HB 5091)

**PA 250 – CHILDREN OF VETERANS**

Removes the Veterans Trust Fund as the funding source for college tuition waivers for children of deceased or disabled members of the armed forces.

Signed 12/1/05; immediate effect. (HB 4002)

**PA 275 – RENAISSANCE ZONES**

Defines a recovery zone in the Renaissance Zone Act.

Signed 12/18/05; immediate effect. (HB 4817)

**PA 276 – RENAISSANCE ZONES**

Provides for revocation of renaissance zone designation by local units of government at certain times.

Signed 12/18/05; immediate effect. (HB 4818)

**PA 281 – PHYSICAL THERAPY PRESCRIPTION**

Amends the Public Health Code to extend the authority to prescribe physical therapy to an individual holding a sub-field license.

Signed 12/19/05; immediate effect. (SB 380)

**PA 289 – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT**

Creates a personal property tax credit under the Single Business Tax (SBT).

Signed 12/20/05; immediate effect. (HB 4982)

**PA 290 – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT**

Amends the Single Business Tax (SBT) Act to establish a refundable credit against the SBT equal to 15 percent of property taxes paid on industrial personal property.

Signed 12/20/05; immediate effect. (SB 909)

**PA 291 & 292 – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT**

Amends the Single Business Tax (SBT) Act to establish a refundable credit against the SBT equal to 15 percent of property taxes paid on industrial personal property.

Signed 12/20/05; immediate effect. (HB 5461 & 5460, respectively)

**PA 293 – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT**

Amends the Single Business Tax (SBT) Act to provide taxpayers that transfer jobs into the state with a credit against the SBT equal to 100 percent of personal property taxes directly related to the transferred jobs.

Signed 12/20/05; immediate effect. (SB 910)

**PA 294 – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT**

Amends the Single Business Tax (SBT) Act to establish a refundable credit against the SBT equal to 15 percent of property taxes paid on industrial personal property.

Signed 12/20/05; immediate effect. (HB 5459)

**PA 295 – SBT TAX BASIS**

Increases the sales factor to 100 percent in calculating the Single Business Tax (SBT).

Signed 12/20/05; immediate effect. (SB 634)

**PA 298 – CHILD PROTECTION**

Provides safeguards to prevent certain messages regarding tobacco, alcohol, pornography, and gambling from reaching children via the Internet.

Signed 12/20/05; immediate effect. (SB 785)

**PA 306 – OUT-OF-POCKET HMO COSTS**

Permits and regulates out-of-pocket costs for copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles for enrollees of health maintenance organizations (hmo's).

Signed 12/20/05; immediate effect. (SB 88)

**PA 315 – CRIME VICTIM'S ASSESSMENT**

Requires a crime victim's assessment to be applied in cases where a sentence has been delayed or deferred.

Signed 12/22/05; immediate effect. (HB 4798)

**PA 321 – PHARMACIST LIABILITY IMMUNITY**

Expands the individuals immune from liability under the Emergency Management Act to include pharmacists and pharmacist interns.

Signed 12/22/05; immediate effect. (HB 4508)

**PA 322 – SCHOOL SAFETY**

Clarifies the prerequisite for second or subsequent violations of student safety zones.

Signed 12/22/05; immediate effect. (HB 5397)

**PA 323 – WORK FIRST REQUIREMENTS**

Modifies various Work First requirements.

Signed 12/22/05; immediate effect. (SB 894)

**PA 324 – PUBLIC ASSISTANCE LIMITS**

Implements an increase in the earned income disregard for Family Independence Project (FIP) cases for recipient groups that are participating in Work First and are employed for at least 20 hours per week.

Signed 12/27/05; immediate effect. (HB 5442)

**PA 333 – WORK FIRST EXTENSION**

Extends the sunset for the Michigan Work First program to December 31, 2006.

Signed 12/29/05; immediate effect. (SB 757)

**PA 337 – MEDICAID WHISTLEBLOWER**

Provides protections for employees disclosing Medicaid fraud.

Signed 1/3/05; immediate effect. (HB 4577)

**PA 338 & 339 – NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE ZONES**

Creates and modifies the homestead facilities and duration of tax abatement for neighborhood enterprise zones.

Signed 1/3/05; immediate effect. (HB 4540)

**PA 340 – NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE ZONES**

Creates homestead facilities in neighborhood enterprise zones and modifies the duration of tax abatement.

Signed 1/3/05; immediate effect. (SB 529 & SB 530)

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**2005 Vetoes**

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**SB 892 – WORK FIRST**

Revises requirements for Work First participation.

Vetoed by the Governor 12/27/05. (Hardiman)

**SB 893 – DHS SANCTIONS**

Revises the sanctions for Department of Human Services (DHS) assistance noncompliance.

Vetoed by the Governor 12/27/05. (Cropsey)

**HB 5438 – WORK FIRST**

Revises Family Independence Program eligibility and Work First exemptions.

Vetoed by the Governor 12/27/05. (Kooiman)

**HB 5439 – WORK FIRST**

Clarifies how to consider Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Work First participant's income in determining Family Independence Program eligibility.

Vetoed by the Governor 12/27/05. (Shaffer)

**HB 5440 – BENEFIT VERIFICATION**

Requires verification to the Department of Human Services or receipt of benefits in other states.

Vetoed by the Governor 12/27/05. (Pearce)

**HB 5441 – WORK FIRST REQUIREMENTS**

Clarifies welfare sanctions for not complying with Work First requirements.

Vetoed by the Governor 12/27/05. (Farhat)

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**Resolutions Adopted**

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**SR 88 – CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND**

Tribute to Michigan Children's Trust Fund.

Adopted 12/7/05. (Schauer)

**HR 151 – MEDICAID REFORM**

Creates a special committee on Medicaid reform and innovation.

Adopted 11/3/05. (DeRoche)

**HR 152 – APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES**

Allows the Speaker of the House to designate additional voting members of Appropriations Subcommittees who are not members of the full committee.

Adopted 11/3/05. (Ward)

## BILLS PENDING

Status of bills updated through December 29, 2005.

### Children & Families

#### **SB 130 – COACH CONVICTION DISCLOSURE**

Requires the disclosure of certain convictions from persons coaching independent youth athletic teams.

Senate passed 5/10/05; House passed substitute 6/29/05. (Sanborn)

#### **SB 519 – NURSING MOTHER JURY DUTY**

Provides for an exemption for jury duty for nursing mothers.

Senate passed substitute 12/13/05; to House Judiciary 12/13/05. (Kuipers)

#### **HB 4420 – CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATION**

Revises the circumstances under which an investigation may commence for child abuse or neglect.

House passed substitute 10/18/05; to Senate Families & Human Services 10/19/05. (Sheen)

### Corrections

#### **SB 208 – INMATE COSTS**

Provides for reimbursement to municipalities for the cost of housing inmates.

Senate passed substitute 12/6/05; to House Judiciary 12/6/05. (Toy)

#### **SB 736 – INMATE MEDICAL CARE**

Requires a county sheriff to draw on an inmate's health care policy before submitting expenses for medical care or treatment to the county.

Senate passed substitute 10/20/05; to House Insurance 10/20/05. (Goschka) (Same as HB 5197 – Kahn.)

#### **HB 4327 – RECORD EXPUNGEMENT**

Allows a court order to set aside one felony or no more than two misdemeanor convictions for eligible offenses and revises the time frame for when a person could file for an expunction.

House passed substitute 9/28/05; to Senate Judiciary 9/29/05. (Waters)

### Domestic Relations/Violence

#### **SB 120 – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EVIDENCE**

Allows prior acts of domestic violence to be admissible as evidence.

Senate passed substitute 11/3/05; to House Judiciary 11/3/05. (Johnson)

#### **SB 263 – HEARSAY RULE**

Exempts certain statements of domestic violence victims from the hearsay rule.

Senate passed substitute 11/3/05; to House Judiciary 11/3/05. (Hammerstrom)

### Education

#### **SB 93 – CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Requires the Michigan Department of Education to develop and make available to school districts and public school academies one or more model character development programs that the districts and academies could adopt and implement.

Senate passed 2/17/05; to House Education 2/17/05; placed on second reading and referred to Government Operations 12/8/05. (Garcia)

#### **SB 895 – TEACHER HEALTH**

Provides school employee health benefits.

Senate passed substitute 12/1/05; to House Education 12/1/05; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 12/7/05. (Johnson)

#### **SB 896 – TEACHER HEALTH**

Provides school employee catastrophic stop loss fund health benefits.

Senate passed substitute 12/1/05; to House Education 12/1/05; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 12/7/05. (Johnson)

#### **SB 897 – TEACHER HEALTH**

Provides school employee health benefits to municipalities.

Senate passed substitute 12/1/05; to House Education 12/1/05; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 12/7/05. (Johnson)

### **SB 898 – COLLEGE TEACHER HEALTH**

Provides school employee health benefits to higher education employees.

Senate passed substitute 12/1/05; to House Education 12/1/05; reported with recommendation without amendments and referred to second reading 12/7/05. (Johnson)

### **HB 4129 – STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS**

Creates a student loan forgiveness program for new teachers in at-risk schools.

House passed substitute as amended 11/29/05; to Senate Education 11/30/05. (Mortimer)

### **HB 4278 – COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT**

Prohibits a requirement that students perform community service as a condition of graduation.

Introduced 2/15/05; to Education; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 11/9/05. (Gosselin)

### **HB 4460 – LOCKDOWN SCHOOL DRILLS**

Requires schools to conduct lockdown drills.

House passed substitute 12/7/05; to Senate Education 12/8/05. (Van Regenmorter)

### **HB 4828 – PER PUPIL FUNDING**

Provides for an additional \$750 funding per pupil if a school district meets certain requirements.

Introduced 5/24/05; to Appropriations; reported with recommendation for referral to Education 9/28/05. (LaJoy)

### **HB 5232 – MERIT SCHOLARSHIP**

Requires the return of unused Michigan Merit Scholarship funds if a student leaves school.

House passed 12/1/05; to Senate Appropriations 12/6/05. (Caswell)

### **HB 5282 – CAREER PREP SUNSET**

Eliminates the June 30, 2006 sunset in the Career and Technical Preparation Act.

House passed 12/1/05; to Senate Education 12/6/05. (Wenke)

### **HB 5301-5310 – U.S. CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT**

A package of bills that specify that in order for a person to benefit from the following programs, they must be a U.S. citizen or legal alien with a permanent residency status:

HB 5301 – Michigan Nursing Scholarship Program

HB 5302 – Part-Time Independent Student Grant Program

HB 5303 – State Competitive Scholarships

HB 5304 – Work-Study Programs

HB 5305 – Work-Study Programs

HB 5306 – Michigan Educational Opportunity Grant Program

HB 5307 – Tuition grants by independent colleges

HB 5308 – Tuition differential grants

HB 5309 – Michigan Merit Award Scholarships

HB 5310 – Michigan Merit Award Scholarships

Introduced 10/18/05; to Higher Education & Career Preparation; reassigned to Government Operations 10/20/05. (Vander Veen, et. al.)

### **HB 5436 – SCHOOL AID**

Provides for certain supplemental state School Aid appropriations for Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

House passed substitute as amended 12/8/05; to Senate Appropriations 12/13/05. (Moolenaar)

### **HB 5452 – FOUNDATION GRANT**

Provides an additional \$25 per student for schools receiving less than \$7,200 beginning in 2005-2006.

House passed with amendments 12/8/05; to Senate Appropriations 12/13/05. (Moore)

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## **Employment & Economy**

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### **SB 802 – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Amends the Michigan Economic Authority Act to modify the criteria by which businesses are eligible for consideration under the act.

Introduced 10/6/05; to Commerce & Labor; referred to committee of the whole with substitute 11/10/05. (Allen)

### **HB 5238 – WORKER'S COMPENSATION**

Allows nurses to conduct worker's compensation examinations.

Introduced 9/28/05; to Employment Relations, Training & Safety; placed on second reading and referred to Health Policy 10/12/05. (Mortimer)

### **HB 5239 – WORKER'S COMPENSATION**

Allows nurses to determine disability under the Michigan Employment Security Act.

House passed substitute 12/7/05; to Senate Commerce & Labor 12/8/05. (Hune)

### **HJR I – JOBS TODAY BONDS**

Amends the State Constitution to provide for the issuance of certain general obligation bonds and permits investments.

Introduced 5/10/05; to Commerce; notice given to discharge committee 10/20/05. (Meisner)

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## Health

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### **HB 5040 – MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT**

Requires annual reports on the difference between Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement rates.

Introduced 7/6/05; to Family & Children Services; substitute adopted and placed on third reading 11/3/05. (Green)

### **HB 5245, 5247 & 5248 – NURSE EXAMS**

Amend various laws to allow nurse practitioners to conduct physical examinations for court cases, for adoptive parents as part of a preplacement assessment, and for truck driver certifications.

House passed substitutes 10/26/05; to Senate Health Policy 10/27/05. (Robertson, et. al.)

### **HB 5254 – PHARMACEUTICAL PANELS**

Provides for provisions regulating pharmaceutical panels and networks.

Introduced 9/29/05; to Insurance; reassigned to Health Policy 10/5/05. (Newell)

### **HB 5331 – NURSE PRACTITIONERS**

Allows physician's assistants and nurse practitioners to sign a form authorizing a pupil to be given medication by school personnel.

House passed substitute 11/9/05; to Senate Health Policy 11/10/05. (Ball)

### **HB 5375 – PHYSICIAN LAWSUIT EXEMPTIONS**

Provides for civil immunity for retired physicians who volunteered their services at a health facility or agency serving the medically indigent.

House passed 11/29/05; to Senate Judiciary 11/30/05; reported favorably without amendment and referred to committee of the whole 12/7/05. (Newell)

### **HB 5418 – HORNINGS LAW**

Creates a provision that certain autopsies be conducted in a timely manner to permit organs, tissues, and eyes to be used for transplants, and designates as the "Kyle Ray Horning's Law."

House passed 12/7/05; to Senate Health Policy 12/8/05. (Hune)

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## Seniors & Adult Services

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### **SB 621 – BACKGROUND CHECKS**

Amends the Public Health Code to repeal and replace provisions that disqualify a person from employment with

a nursing home for certain convictions and require criminal history checks of applicants for employment.

Senate passed substitute 12/13/05. (Birkholz)

### **SB 622 – BACKGROUND CHECKS**

Eliminates the grandfather provision for criminal background checks for employees of adult foster care facilities.

Senate passed substitute as amended 12/13/05; to House Senior Health, Security & Retirement 12/13/05. (Stamas)

### **SB 712 – SENIOR CARD GAMES**

Allows recreational card playing at nonresidential senior citizen centers.

Senate passed substitute 11/3/05; to House Judiciary 11/3/05. (Brown)

### **HB 4789 – NURSING HOME DINING ASSISTANTS**

Allows nursing homes to use dining assistants to feed residents who need assistance or encouragement with eating and drinking but do not have complicated feeding problems, such as difficulty swallowing, recurrent lung aspirations, and tube or parenteral feedings.

House passed substitute 10/19/05; to Senate Health Policy 10/20/05. (Vander Veen)

### **HB 4792 – NURSING HOME INSPECTION NOTICE**

Requires the posting and notification of an inspection visit and survey results of a nursing home to each resident, his or her family, or his or her designated representative.

House passed substitute 10/19/05; to Senate Health Policy 10/20/05. (Zelenko)

### **HB 5166-5168 & 5448 – BACKGROUND CHECKS**

Expands the requirements for criminal background checks for new employees at health facilities and agencies, adult foster care facilities, psychiatric facilities or intermediate care facilities, and for applicants for initial licensure or registration in health occupations.

House passed all bills (HB 5166, 5168 & 5448 as substitutes and 5168 with additional amendments) 12/6/05; to Senate Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs 12/7/05. (Newell, et. al.) (HB 5166-5168 are similar to SB 774, 773, & 772, respectively.)

### **HB 5183 – NURSING HOME DRUG TESTING**

Provides for substance abuse testing policy and random testing of adult employees at nursing homes.

House passed substitute 10/19/05; to Senate Health Policy 10/20/05. (Hune)

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## Social Services

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### **HB 4751 – ADULT FOSTER CARE**

Provides medical services coverage for adult foster care facilities.

Introduced 5/10/05; to Family & Children Services; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 11/1/05. (Ball)

### **HB 5398 – FOSTER CERTIFICATE**

Authorizes physician or certified nurse practitioner to complete the medical statement required for licensure or certification as foster parents.

House passed substitute 11/30/05; to Senate Health Policy 12/1/05. (Green)

### **HB 5443 – EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

Revises the education requirements for Work First participants.

House passed substitute 12/1/05; to Families & Human Services 12/6/05. (Mortimer)

### **HB 5444 – SOCIAL CONTRACT**

Revises the Social Contract for the Family Independence Program.

House passed substitute 12/1/05; to Families & Human Services 12/6/05. (Stahl)

### **HB 5445 – LIFETIME LIMIT**

Provides for a four-year (48 months) lifetime limit to receive Family Independence assistance.

House passed substitute 12/1/05; to Families & Human Services 12/6/05. (Kooiman)

### **HB 5446 – MEDICAL BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY**

Requires wage verification for initial eligibility for public assistance medical services programs.

House passed substitute 12/1/05; to Families & Human Services 12/6/05. (Kolb)

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## Taxes

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### **SB 803 – PERSONAL PROPERTY DEFINITIONS**

Amends the General Property Tax Act, defining personal property for the purpose of taxation.

Introduced 10/6/05; to Technology & Energy; referred to committee of the whole with substitute 11/10/05. (Allen)

### **HB 4337 – SENIOR CITIZEN CARE EXEMPTION**

Provides for an additional income tax exemption for caring for a senior citizen in the home.

Introduced 2/17/05; to Tax Policy; motion to discharge committee approved 12/1/05; placed on second reading and referred to Senior Health, Security & Retirement 12/1/05. (Shaffer)

### **HB 5204-5209 – FILM TAX INCENTIVES**

Provides sales tax exemption, use tax exemption, and Single Business Tax (SBT) credit for motion picture production companies; establishes policies and standards regarding the use of state property for motion picture production companies.

House passed substitute 11/8/05; to Senate Finance 11/9/05. (Huizenga, et. al.)

### **HB 5487 – NONPROFIT TAX**

Provides for a tax exemption for certain nonprofit housing corporations and nonprofit corporations with a license to solicit charitable donations.

House passed substitute 12/13/05. (Hune)

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## Miscellaneous

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### **SB 242 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Provides supplemental appropriations for both Fiscal Year 2004-2005 and the current Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

Senate passed substitute 12/7/05. (Johnson)

### **SB 922 – RENAISSANCE ZONES**

Provides eligibility for the designation of additional renaissance zones.

Introduced 12/1/05; to Commerce & Labor; referred to committee of the whole with substitute 12/14/05. (Sikkema)

### **HB 4721 – SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION**

Requires notification by e-mail to certain individuals when a registered sex offender relocates into a zip code.

House passed substitute 12/7/05; to Senate Judiciary 12/8/05. (Vander Veen)

### **HB 5374 – JUDGESHIP CHANGES**

Revises the number of circuit, probate, and district judges by county.

Introduced 10/26/05; to Judiciary; reported with recommendation with substitute and referred to second reading 11/30/05. (Van Regenmorter)



## BILLS INTRODUCED

Status of bills updated through December 29, 2005.

### Children & Families

#### **SB 602 – CHILD CUSTODY**

Allows the use of substitute service for child custody by order from the court of record for certain out-of-state individuals.

Introduced 6/16/05; to Families & Human Services. (Cherry)

#### **SB 804 – FAMILY LEAVE TIME**

Provides for leave time for an immediate family member of a person killed in active duty.

Introduced 10/6/05; to Commerce & Labor. (Barcia)

#### **SB 891 – CHILD SUPPORT**

Establishes department responsibilities for child support collection.

Introduced 11/10/05; to Families & Human Services. (Hardiman)

#### **HB 5258 – COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY**

Eliminates conflict with departmental rules between community action agency boards.

Introduced 10/5/05; to Family & Children Services. (Caul)

#### **HB 5267 – JOINT CUSTODY**

Mandates joint custody in every custody dispute between parents except in certain circumstances.

Introduced 10/6/05; to Family & Children Services. (Mortimer)

#### **HB 5290 – LOTTERY CHILD SUPPORT**

Establishes payment of child support arrearages from lottery winnings.

Introduced 10/12/05; to Government Operations. (Gonzalez) (Same as SB 311 – Cherry.)

#### **HB 5396 – TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

Prohibits the purchase or attempt to purchase tobacco products for minors.

Introduced 11/2/05; to Judiciary. (D. Law)

#### **HB 5399 – SECOND PARENT ADOPTIONS**

Provides for second parent adoptions.

Introduced 11/2/05; to Judiciary. (Condino)

#### **HB 5424 – T.E.A.C.H. SCHOLARSHIPS**

Requires the Department of Human Services to provide funding for Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (TEACH) scholarships for all eligible applicants. (The scholarships help child care providers complete coursework in early childhood education and increase their compensation and commitment to the field.)

Introduced 11/10/05; to Families & Children Services. (Donigan)

#### **HB 5425 – DAY CARE RATINGS**

Requires the Department of Human Services to establish a public rating system for child care centers, day care centers, family day care homes, and group day care homes.

Introduced 11/10/05; to Families & Children Services. (Angerer)

#### **HB 5531-5535 – SEX CRIMES AGAINST MINORS**

The following bills pertain to violations of criminal sexual conduct against children less than 13 years of age:

HB 5531 provides for mandatory lifetime electronic monitoring of persons convicted of certain criminal sexual conduct crimes, and establishes penalties for tampering with the electronic monitoring device.

HB 5532 provides for a lifetime satellite tracking of certain sex offenders.

HB 5533 enacts sentencing guidelines for the crime of tampering with an electronic monitoring device.

HB 5534 provides for a 25-year minimum sentence for first-degree criminal sexual conduct against certain minors.

HB 5535 revises the jurisdiction of the parole board of a prisoner convicted of first-degree criminal sexual conduct against an individual less than 13 years of age, and provides for GPS monitoring during the parole period.

Introduced 12/29/05; to Judiciary. (D. Law & Byrnes)

#### **HR 154 – WORKING FAMILIES**

Urges the United States Congress to enact measures to positively impact manufacturing and working families.

Introduced 11/9/05; to Government Operations (Espinoza).

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## **Domestic Relations/Violence**

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### **SB 808 – LEASE TERMINATION**

Allows certain victims of domestic assault to terminate lease agreements.

Introduced 10/12/05; to Judiciary. (Garcia)

### **SB 884 – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Provides sentencing guidelines for domestic violence situations where one is prevented from using a telecommunications device to call for help.

Introduced 11/9/05; to Judiciary. (Hardiman)

### **SB 885 – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Provides penalties for destroying a cell phone in a domestic violence situation.

Introduced 11/9/05; to Judiciary. (Hardiman)

### **HB 5326 – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BOARD**

Requires membership on the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board to include certain geographic regions.

Introduced 10/18/05; to Judiciary. (Kooiman)

### **HB 5465 – VICTIM INSURANCE**

Prohibits insurance ratings based on domestic violence situations.

Introduced 12/1/05; to Insurance. (Accavitti)

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## **Education**

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### **SB 807 – MEAP EXAMS**

Extends test taking time for MEAP exams.

Introduced 10/12/05; to Education. (Cassis)

### **SB 834 – MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FOR NURSES**

Allows use of the Michigan Merit Scholarship to pay nursing school grants.

Introduced 10/20/05; to Appropriations. (Switalski)

### **SB 835 – NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS**

Revises the Michigan Nursing Scholarship Act to include school grants.

Introduced 10/20/05; to Appropriations. (Switalski)

### **SB 836 – NURSING GRADUATE ASSISTANTS**

Establishes a scholarship program for nursing students with graduate degrees who agree to teach at nursing programs.

Introduced 10/20/05; to Appropriations. (Brown)

### **SB 861 – MERIT AWARD**

Revises the types of scholarships available to students through the Michigan Merit Award Scholarship program.

Introduced 11/3/05; to Appropriations. (Emerson)

### **SB 866 – SCHOOL SERVICE SAVINGS**

Clarifies the procedure to consolidate school services and save tax dollars.

Introduced 11/9/05; to Education. (Gilbert)  
(Same as HB 5419 – Pavlov.)

### **HB 4537 – READING INSTRUCTION**

Creates specific requirements for reading instruction.

Introduced 3/22/05; to Education. (Robertson)

### **HB 5222 – BILINGUAL EDUCATION**

Reinstates mandatory bilingual education.

Introduced 9/27/05; to Education. (Tobocman)

### **HB 5279 – 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHER CERTIFICATION**

Revises certification to teach 6<sup>th</sup> grade to be included in both elementary and secondary certificates.

Introduced 10/11/05; to Education. (Miller)  
(Same as SB 443 – Olshove.)

### **HB 5341 – CHILD CREDITS**

Provides options for public school employees to expand the purchase of maternity, paternity, or child rearing service credits.

Introduced 10/20/05; to Education. (Hunter)

### **HB 5342 – SCHOOL OPERATION**

Requires the Department of Education to take steps to assist public schools to operate more efficiently.

Introduced 10/20/05; to Education. (Pavlov)

### **HB 5354 – BLIND SCHOOL**

Provides for the conveyance of the Michigan School for the Blind in Ingham County.

Introduced 10/25/05; to Regulatory Reform. (Murphy)

### **HB 5415 – PUPIL INCREASE**

Provides for an additional \$1,500 funding per pupil if a school district meets certain requirements.

Introduced 11/9/05; to Appropriations. (Stewart)

### **HB 5423 – SCHOOL READINESS**

Increases funding and participation opportunities for the school readiness program.

Introduced 11/10/05; to Appropriations. (Byrnes)

### **HB 5504 – SCHOOL CAREER DAY**

Allows alternative education students to attend high school career days.

Introduced 12/13/05; to Education. (Accavitti)

### **HB 5519 – BUS SAFETY BELTS**

Requires the use of safety belts on school buses.

Introduced 12/14/05; to Transportation. (Lemmons III)

### **HB 5528 – SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICERS**

Creates a grant program for the placement of safety officers and mental health professionals in public schools.

Introduced 12/14/05; to Appropriations. (Meisner)

### **HR 142 – MEAP DISTRIBUTION**

Urges the Department of Education to ensure that school districts and students are not penalized because of difficulties distributing Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests.

Introduced 10/25/05; to Education. (Sak)

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## **Elections**

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### **SB 818 – ABSENT VOTER APPLICATION**

Allows mailing of absent voter applications to eligible voters without a ballot application.

Introduced 10/19/05; to Government Operations. (Clark-Coleman)

### **HB 5214 – ELDER ABSENTEE VOTING**

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

Introduced 9/22/05; to Oversight, Elections & Ethics. (Gaffney) (Similar to SB 810 – Scott.)

### **HB 5250 – CANDIDATE FINANCES**

Requires certain candidates for elective office and state officials to file a financial disclosure report.

Introduced 9/29/05; to Oversight, Elections & Ethics. (Tobocman)

### **HB 5525 – VOTER ID CARD**

Allows for the delivery of a voter identification card to a post office box.

Introduced 12/14/05; to Oversight, Elections & Ethics. (Caswell)

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## **Energy & Utilities**

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### **SR 71 – WINTER HEATING**

Urges the United States President and Congress to increase funding for home heating assistance this winter.

Introduced 10/12/05; to Technology & Energy. (Schauer)

### **HB 5272 – TELECOM CONTRACTS**

Requires the disclosure of telecommunications early termination fees or penalties.

Introduced 10/6/05; to Energy & Technology. (Elsenheimer)

### **HCR 24 – ENERGY ASSISTANCE**

Urges the United States President and Congress to increase funding to the Low Income Energy Assistance Program.

Introduced 10/19/05; to Energy & Technology. (Lemmons III)

### **HR 163 – HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE**

Urges the United States Congress to increase home heating assistance funding.

Introduced 12/6/05; to Government Operations. (Sheltrown)

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## **Health**

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### **SB 781 – PREEXISTING CONDITIONS**

Permits exclusions for preexisting conditions in individual health insurance premiums.

Introduced 9/27/05; to Health Policy. (Van Woerkom)

### **SB 819 – MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY**

Revises provisions that allow sheltering assets for the purposes of Medicaid eligibility.

Introduced 10/19/05; to Appropriations. (Switalski)

### **SB 820 – MEDICAID ESTATE RECOVERY**

Implements estate recovery program for Medicaid.

Introduced 10/19/05; to Appropriations. (Switalski)

### **SB 821 – MEDICAID ESTATE RECOVERY**

Requires filing of certain death records with estate recovery unit.

Introduced 10/19/05; to Appropriations. (Switalski)

### **SB 822 – MEDICAID ESTATE RECOVERY**

Provides for estate recovery program in the Estates and Protected Individuals Code.

Introduced 10/19/05; to Appropriations. (Switalski)

### **SB 838 – MEDICAID COVERAGE**

Amends the Social Welfare Act to eliminate the statutory guarantee of Medicaid coverage for caretaker relatives and 19-20 year olds.

Introduced 10/25/05; to Appropriations. (Emerson)

### **SB 841 – HEARING AIDS**

Establishes and clarifies the Board of Hearing Aid Dealers.

Introduced 10/25/05; to Health Policy. (Stamas)

### **SB 842 – HEARING CARE PROVIDERS**

Changes state license fees for hearing care providers and assistants.

Introduced 10/25/05; to Health Policy. (Stamas)

### **SB 848 – WELLNESS COVERAGE REBATE**

Provides for offering wellness coverage with a premium rebate.

Introduced 10/27/05; to Health Policy. (George)

### **SB 849 – WELLNESS COVERAGE REBATE**

Provides for wellness coverage with a premium rebate for health care corporations.

Introduced 10/27/05; to Health Policy. (George)

### **HB 4606 – HEALTH RECORD PRIVACY**

Allows for the release of patient information without the patient's prior authorization in certain circumstances.

House passed substitute 10/26/05; to Health Policy 10/27/05. (Adamini)

### **HB 4903 – NURSING SCHOOL GRANTS**

Establishes a grant program for nursing schools.

Introduced 6/8/05; to Health Policy. (Dillon)

### **HB 5288 – PHYSICAL THERAPY**

Expands prescription requirement for physical therapy to include certified nurse practitioners.

Introduced 10/12/05; to Health Policy. (Mortimer)

### **HB 5327 – NURSING BOARD**

Requires representation from each health service area in the state.

Introduced 10/18/05; to Health Policy. (Kooiman)

### **HB 5336 – HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Creates the Health Information Technology Commission.

Introduced 10/19/05; to Health Policy. (Newell)

### **HB 5348 – LONG-TERM CARE**

Makes Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan subject to the long-term care health care code.

Introduced 10/20/05; to Senior Health, Security & Retirement. (Green)

### **HB 5349 – LONG-TERM CARE**

Provides for general amendments to long-term care insurance.

Introduced 10/20/05; to Senior Health, Security & Retirement. (Zelenko)

### **HB 5376 – LEGAL COST REIMBURSEMENTS**

Provides that a trial court may award costs and actual attorney fees to a person who prevails in an action against the Department of Environmental Quality arising under the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act.

Introduced 10/26/05; to Natural Resources, Great Lakes, Land Use & Environment. (Palmer)

### **HB 5387 – HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE**

Creates a catastrophic medical coverage task force.

Introduced 11/1/05; to Insurance. (Dillon)

### **HB 5388 – DRUG PURCHASING**

Creates a new intrastate prescription drug purchasing program.

Introduced 11/1/05; to Health Policy. (Dillon)

### **HB 5389 – LONG-TERM CARE**

Establishes local and regional single points of entry for long-term care that shall serve as visible and effective access points for individuals seeking long-term care and that shall promote consumer choice of long-term care options.

Introduced 11/1/05; to Senior Health, Security & Retirement. (Shaffer)

### **HB 5409 – WELLNESS BENEFIT**

Provides for a wellness health benefit plan in the Insurance Code.

Introduced 11/8/05; to Insurance. (Mortimer)

### **HB 5466 – GENERIC DRUGS**

Requires pharmacists to dispense generic drug products unless specified by the prescriber.

Introduced 12/1/05; to Health Policy. (Accavitti)

### **HB 5473-5476 – PSYCHOLOGISTS**

HB 5473 revises the licensing requirements for psychologists; HB 5474-5476 revise references to psychologists in the Penal Code, Insurance Code, and the Child Care Organization Act, respectively.

Introduced 12/1/05; to Health Policy. (Schuitmaker)

### **HB 5493 – NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT**

Creates a nurse licensure compact.

Introduced 12/8/05; to Health Policy. (Stakoe)

### **HB 5524 – LIVING WILLS**

Provides for and requires compliance with living wills.

Introduced 12/14/05; to Judiciary. (Lipsey)

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## **Juvenile Justice**

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### **HB 5512 & 5513 – BAN ON TEEN LIFE TERMS**

Prohibits sentencing individuals convicted as a juvenile or juveniles to imprisonment for life without parole eligibility.

Introduced 12/14/05; to Judiciary. (Condino)

### **HB 5514 – TEEN LIFER PAROLE**

Allows for parole of certain juvenile offenders sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Introduced 12/14/05; to Judiciary. (Condino)

### **HB 5515 – BAN ON TEEN LIFE TERMS**

Amends the Penal Code to exclude application to juvenile offenders of imprisonment for life without parole eligibility.

Introduced 12/14/05; to Judiciary. (Condino)

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## **Revenues & Appropriations**

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### **HB 5274 – REVENUE RESERVES**

Provides for distribution from revenue sharing reserve funds.

Introduced 10/6/05; to Appropriations. (Brandenburg)

### **HB 5482 – REVENUE SHARING**

Bases county 2005 revenue sharing formula on summer taxes.

Introduced 12/1/05; to Appropriations. (Gosselin)

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## **Seniors & Adult Services**

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### **SB 880 – ANNUITY TRANSACTIONS**

Provides for senior protection in annuity transactions.

Introduced 11/9/05; to Banking & Financial Institutions. (Van Woerkom) (Same as HB 5463 – D. Law)

### **HB 5263 – ELDER FINANCIAL ABUSE**

Requires banks to report any incidence of known or suspected financial abuse of an elder adult.

Introduced 10/6/05; to Banking & Financial Institutions. (Lemmons III)

### **HB 5299 – ELDER FINANCIAL ABUSE**

Requires credit unions to report any incidence of known or suspected financial abuse of an elder adult.

Introduced 10/18/05; to Banking & Financial Services. (Lemmons, Jr.)

### **HB 5338 – ELDER FINANCIAL ABUSE**

Requires savings and loan associations to report any incidence of known or suspected financial abuse of an elder adult.

Introduced 10/19/05; to Banking & Financial Institutions. (Lemmons III)

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## **Social Services**

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### **SB 812 – LEIN ACCESS**

Allows the Department of Human Services to access the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) in order to identify applicants with felony warrants.

Introduced 10/18/05; to Judiciary. (McManus)

### **SB 813 – LEIN CHECK**

Requires the Department of Human Services to periodically check the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) to determine if public assistance recipients are subject to arrest under an outstanding warrant, and prohibits the Department from providing financial assistance in those cases.

Introduced 10/18/05; to Judiciary. (McManus)

### **HB 5242 – FIA BOARD MEMBERS**

Increases the number of members on the County Family Independence Agency Board from three to five members.

Introduced 9/29/05; to Family & Children Services. (Baxter)

### **HR 169 – FOOD STAMPS**

Urges the United State Congress not to cut the Food Stamp program.

Introduced 12/8/05; to Government Operations. (Leland)

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## Taxes

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### **SB 862 – WELLNESS CREDIT**

Offers an income tax credit for employers who purchase health insurance that include a wellness plan.

Introduced 11/3/05; to Finance. (George)

### **SB 863 – WELLNESS PLANS**

Offers a Single Business Tax (SBT) credit for employers who offer wellness plans or health insurance.

Introduced 11/3/05; to Finance. (George)

### **SB 864 – REMOVED TAX**

Disallows the Single Business Tax (SBT) for certain professional employers.

Introduced 11/3/05; to Appropriations. (Kuipers)

### **SR 70 – HURRICANE RELIEF COSTS**

Memorializes the U.S. Congress to refrain from paying for hurricane relief by cutting benefits to U.S. military service personnel and to instead consider reinstating the estate tax.

Introduced 10/6/05; to Finance. (Basham)

### **HB 5201 – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CREDIT**

Provides a tax credit for contributions to the Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund.

Introduced 9/21/05; to Tax Policy. (Tobocman)

### **HB 5211 – GAS SALES TAX**

Provides a cap for gasoline sales tax collections.

Introduced 9/22/05; to Tax Policy. (Gosselin)

### **HB 5212 – INCOME TAX REVISION**

Provides for an Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) refund.

Introduced 9/22/05; to Tax Policy. (Tobocman)

### **HB 5213 – INCOME CREDIT**

Provides state income credit based on federal earned income credit.

Introduced 9/22/05; to Tax Policy. (Kolb)

### **HB 5223 – SALES TAX ON DIFFERENCE**

Exempts sales tax on the difference in price on vehicles powered by alternative fuel.

Introduced 9/27/05; to Tax Policy. (Kolb)

### **HB 5233 – GASOLINE HOLIDAY**

Creates a sales tax holiday on gasoline sold the week before Labor Day.

Introduced 9/27/05; to Tax Policy. (Gosselin)

### **HB 5271 – TAX INCREASE**

Provides the option for voluntary income tax rate increase.

Introduced 10/06/05; to Tax Policy. (Baxter)

### **HB 5344 – EDUCATION ACCOUNT DEPOSITS**

Allows direct deposits of income tax refunds into Michigan Education Savings Program (MESP) accounts and Michigan Education Trust (MET) accounts.

Introduced 10/20/05; to . (Moore)

### **HB 5478 – HEARING AIDS**

Provides an income tax credit for the purchase of hearing aids.

Introduced 12/1/05; to Tax Policy. (Accavitti)

### **HB 5520 – MEDICAID SERVICES CREDIT**

Provides an income tax credit for donated Medicaid services by a physician or dentist.

Introduced 12/14/05; to Tax Policy. (Vander Veen)

### **HCR 26 – INHERITANCE REPEAL**

Urges Congress to pass and vote for the immediate and permanent repeal of the inheritance tax.

Introduced 11/29/05; to Tax Policy. (Baxter)

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## Victims' Rights

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### **HB 4954 – SEXUAL ORIENTATION INTIMIDATION**

Expands ethnic intimidation to include intimidation or hate crimes based on sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.

Introduced 6/16/05; to Judiciary. (Kolb) (Same as SB 929 – Brater.)

### **HB 4955 – INTIMIDATION SENTENCING**

Provides for felonious intimidation in sentencing guidelines.

Introduced 6/16/05; to Judiciary. (Kolb) (Same as SB 930 – Bernero.)

### **HB 4956 – SEXUAL ORIENTATION DISCRIMINATION**

Includes sexual orientation and gender identity or expression as categories protected under the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act.

Introduced 6/16/05; to Government Operations. (Kolb)

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## Miscellaneous

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### **SB 787 – CIVIL RIGHTS**

Defines civil rights to prohibit discriminatory policies; to preserve confidentiality of records regarding arrest when it does not result in a conviction; to prescribe the powers and duties of the Civil Rights Commission and the Department of Civil Rights, and to provide remedies and penalties.

Introduced 9/29/05; to Judiciary. (Brater)  
(Same as HB 4956 – Kolb.)

### **SB 809 – WHEELCHAIR-BOUND DRIVERS**

Reduces vehicle registration rates for wheelchair-bound drivers with sports utility vehicles.

Introduced 10/12/05; to Transportation. (Garcia)

### **SB 843 – ID CARDS**

Revises the expiration date for state ID cards.

Introduced 10/25/05; to Transportation. (Gilbert)

### **SB 844 – DRIVER'S LICENSE**

Revises the expiration date for driver's licenses.

Introduced 10/25/05; to Transportation. (Sanborn)

### **SB 845 – DRUNKEN DRIVING**

Sets penalties for second or subsequent offense of driving with an excessive blood alcohol level.

Introduced 10/26/05; to Judiciary. (Switalski)

### **SB 846 – DRUNKEN DRIVING**

Increases penalties for driving with a blood alcohol level of .25 percent or higher.

Introduced 10/26/05; to Judiciary. (Switalski)

### **SJR H – UNICAMERAL SESSIONS**

Provides for unicameral legislature sessions.

Introduced 10/5/05; to Government Operations. (Leland)

### **HB 5401 – ENTERPRISE ZONE**

Expands the definition of local governmental unit of neighborhood enterprise zones to include a county seat.

Introduced 11/3/05; to Commerce. (Caswell)  
(Same as SB 901 – Brown.)

### **HB 5472 – LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT**

Changes the age requirements for legislative retirement.

Introduced 12/1/05; to Government Operations. (Caswell)

### **HB 5477 – HOUSING CONTRACTS**

Allows for the termination of housing contracts for individuals called to active military duty.

Introduced 12/1/05; to Government Operations. (Accavitti)

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## APPOINTMENTS

### **COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND**

The Commission serves approximately 4,500 blind persons each year through its programs: Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Independent Living Services, Deafblind Services, Youth Services, the Business Enterprise Program, and the MCB Training Center. The Commission is a statewide program to serve the state's estimated 50,000 blind persons.

Geraldine G. Taeckens, Sault Ste. Marie, was appointed to represent the general public for a term expiring 9/30/08.

### **MICHIGAN COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMISSION**

The Commission is a bipartisan state agency charged with funding and supporting programs to encourage Michigan residents to volunteer.

Appointed for terms expiring 10/2/08 were Melonie Brook Colaianne, Northville, a Republican appointed to represent individuals with experience in promoting service and volunteerism among older adults; Donna M. Niester, Ft. Gratiot Township, an Independent appointed to

represent businesses; Marsha J. Smith, Traverse City, an Independent appointed to represent national service programs; Joseph V. Sowmick, Mt. Pleasant, a Republican appointed to represent Native American tribes; Laurie Stupak, Menominee, a Democrat appointed to represent experts in the delivery of human, educational, environmental, or public safety services to communities; Larry A. Williamson, Grand Rapids, a Republican appointed to represent businesses; and Eileen B. Wilson-Oyelaran, Kalamazoo, a Democrat appointed to represent local educators. The appointments are not subject to Senate consent.

### **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 providing technical assistance and training.

Princella E. Graham, Troy, and the Honorable Nathaniel C. Perry III, Flint were appointed to represent persons with experience in an area related to the problems of domestic violence. Both appointments are for terms expiring 9/30/07 and stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

### **COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS**

The Commission advocates for the rights and concerns of disabled persons and assists other government agencies in complying with federal civil rights mandates as they pertain to the disabled.

Appointed to represent the general public for terms expiring 3/5/07 were Rhonda L. Estes, Traverse City; Daniel J. Furton, Lansing; Mary L. Kelley, Northville; Jeff D. Reaume, South Rockwood; and Brian F. Sheridan, Bay City. Appointed to represent the general public for terms expiring 3/5/08 were Clifton Jack Lewis, North Branch; Miranda M. Pelikan, Marcellus; Zachary J. Tomlinson, Clio; and Steffanie D. Webster, Farmington.

### **COMMISSION ON SERVICES TO THE AGING**

The Commission advises the Office of Services to the Aging, the Governor, and the Legislature on matters related to policies and program for elderly and aging persons in Michigan. The commission also promotes senior citizen interests within state government and communities and administers federal Older Americans Act programs and state-funded programs.

Annette C. Guilfoyle, Grand Rapids, and Chun-Keung Leung, Bloomfield Hills, were appointed to represent Independents; Thomas G. Rau, Brighton, and William H. Walters II, Brown City, were appointed to represent Republicans; and Cheryl J. Bollinger, Mason, was appointed to represent Democrats. All appointments are for terms expiring 7/28/08 and stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

### **BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS**

The Board of Nursing Home Administrators provides for the licensure of nursing home administrators and provides penalties for violations of the Public Health Code.

Valaria Conerly Moon, Flint, was appointed to represent the general public for a term expiring 12/31/08. Samuel H. Shaheen, D.O., Saginaw, was appointed to represent nursing home administrators for a term expiring 12/31/09. The appointments are subject to Senate consent.

### **BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY**

The Board is responsible for promoting the rules setting minimal standards of acceptable practices and assessing penalties when those standards are not met. The board is also responsible for the recommendation of licensure to schools or individuals that have passed the designated exam, created by the board.

Appointed to represent licensed marriage and family therapists were Diane M. Jordan, M.S.W., Wyoming, for a term expiring 6/30/07; and Deborah Urbach Warsh, M.S.W, A.C.S.W., Bloomfield Hills, for a term expiring 6/30/09. Both appointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

### **PHARMACY AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE**

The Committee advises the Department of Community Health on issues affecting prescription drug coverage for its various health care programs. Khan Nedd, Grand Rapids, was designated to serve as chair for a term expiring at the Governor's discretion.

### **COMMISSION ON SPANISH SPEAKING AFFAIRS**

The Commission develops policies and plans to serve the needs of Michigan's Spanish-speaking residents.

Appointed to represent the general public for terms expiring 12/10/08 were Ana M. Gabriel, Troy, and Alicia Villarreal, St. Clair Shores.