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Effective date.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect June 1, 2004.

Conditional effective date.

Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless House Bill No. 5347 of the 92nd Legislature is enacted into law.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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Compiler's note: House Bill No. 5347, referred to in enacting section 2, was filed with the Secretary of State December 15, 2004, and became P.A. 2004, No. 423, Eff. Mar. 15, 2005.

[No. 425]**(HB 6230)**

AN ACT to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "An act to make appropriations to aid in the support of the public schools and the intermediate school districts of the state; to make appropriations for certain other purposes relating to education; to provide for the disbursement of the appropriations; to supplement the school aid fund by the levy and collection of certain taxes; to authorize the issuance of certain bonds and provide for the security of those bonds; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to create certain funds and provide for their expenditure; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending section 104a (MCL 388.1704a), as amended by 2003 PA 158.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

388.1704a State assessments to high school pupils.

Sec. 104a. (1) In order to receive state aid under this act, a district shall comply with this section and shall administer state assessments to high school pupils in the subject areas of communications skills, mathematics, science, and social studies. If the department

determines that it would be consistent with the purposes of this section, the department may designate the grade 11 Michigan education assessment program tests or the ACT/ACT work keys tests as the assessments to be used for the purposes of this section. The district shall include on the pupil's high school transcript all of the following:

(a) For each high school graduate who has completed a subject area assessment under this section, the pupil's scaled score on the assessment.

(b) If the pupil's scaled score on a subject area assessment falls within the range required under subsection (2) for a category established under subsection (2), an indication that the pupil has achieved state endorsement for that subject area.

(c) The number of school days the pupil was in attendance at school each school year during high school and the total number of school days in session for each of those school years.

(2) The department shall develop scaled scores for reporting subject area assessment results for each of the subject areas under this section. The department shall establish 3 categories for each subject area indicating basic competency, above average, and outstanding, and shall establish the scaled score range required for each category. The department shall design and distribute to districts, intermediate districts, and nonpublic schools a simple and concise document that describes these categories in each subject area and indicates the scaled score ranges for each category in each subject area. A district may award a high school diploma to a pupil who successfully completes local district requirements established in accordance with state law for high school graduation, regardless of whether the pupil is eligible for any state endorsement.

(3) The assessments administered for the purposes of this section shall be administered to pupils during the last 90 school days of grade 11. The department shall ensure that the assessments are scored and the scores are returned to pupils, their parents or legal guardians, and districts not later than the beginning of the pupil's first semester of grade 12. The department shall arrange for those portions of a pupil's assessment that cannot be scored mechanically to be scored in Michigan by persons who are Michigan teachers, retired Michigan teachers, or Michigan school administrators and who have been trained in scoring the assessments. The returned scores shall indicate the pupil's scaled score for each subject area assessment, the range of scaled scores for each subject area, and the range of scaled scores required for each category established under subsection (2). In reporting the scores to pupils, parents, and schools, the department shall provide specific, meaningful, and timely feedback on the pupil's performance on the assessment.

(4) For each pupil who does not achieve state endorsement in 1 or more subject areas, the board of the district in which the pupil is enrolled shall provide that there be at least 1 meeting attended by at least the pupil and a member of the district's staff or a local or intermediate district consultant who is proficient in the measurement and evaluation of pupils. The district may provide the meeting as a group meeting for pupils in similar circumstances. If the pupil is a minor, the district shall invite and encourage the pupil's parent, legal guardian, or person in loco parentis to attend the meeting and shall mail a notice of the meeting to the pupil's parent, legal guardian, or person in loco parentis. The purpose of this meeting and any subsequent meeting under this subsection shall be to determine an educational program for the pupil designed to have the pupil achieve state endorsement in each subject area in which he or she did not achieve state endorsement. In addition, a district may provide for subsequent meetings with the pupil conducted by a high school counselor or teacher designated by the pupil's high school principal, and shall invite and encourage the pupil's parent, legal guardian, or person in loco parentis to

attend the subsequent meetings. The district shall provide special programs for the pupil or develop a program using the educational programs regularly provided by the district unless the board of the district decides otherwise and publishes and explains its decision in a public justification report.

(5) A pupil who wants to repeat an assessment administered under this section may repeat the assessment, without charge to the pupil, in the next school year or after graduation. An individual may repeat an assessment at any time the district administers an applicable assessment instrument or during a retesting period under subsection (7).

(6) The department shall ensure that the length of the assessments used for the purposes of this section and the combined total time necessary to administer all of the assessments are the shortest possible that will still maintain the degree of reliability and validity of the assessment results determined necessary by the department. The department shall ensure that the maximum total combined length of time that schools are required to set aside for administration of all of the assessments used for the purposes of this section does not exceed 8 hours. However, this subsection does not limit the amount of time that individuals may have to complete the assessments.

(7) The department shall establish, schedule, and arrange periodic retesting periods throughout the year for individuals who desire to repeat an assessment under this section. The department shall coordinate the arrangements for administering the repeat assessments and shall ensure that the retesting is made available at least within each intermediate district and, to the extent possible, within each district.

(8) A district shall provide accommodations to a pupil with disabilities for the assessments required under this section, as provided under section 504 of title V of the rehabilitation act of 1973, 29 USC 794; subtitle A of title II of the Americans with disabilities act of 1990, 42 USC 12131 to 12134; and the implementing regulations for those statutes.

(9) For the purposes of this section, the department shall develop or select and approve assessment instruments to measure pupil performance in communications skills, mathematics, social studies, and science. Unless the department selects and approves the ACT/ACT work keys tests, the assessment instruments shall be based on the model core academic content standards objectives under section 1278 of the revised school code, MCL 380.1278.

(10) Upon written request by the pupil's parent or legal guardian stating that the request is being made for the purpose of providing the pupil with an opportunity to qualify to take 1 or more postsecondary courses as an eligible student under the postsecondary enrollment options act, 1996 PA 160, MCL 388.511 to 388.524, the board of a district shall allow a pupil who is in at least grade 10 to take an assessment administered under this section without charge at any time the district regularly administers the assessment or during a retesting period established under subsection (7). A district is not required to include in an annual education report, or in any other report submitted to the department for accreditation purposes, results of assessments taken under this subsection by a pupil in grade 11 or lower until the results of that pupil's graduating class are otherwise reported.

(11) All assessment instruments developed or selected and approved by the state under any statute or rule for a purpose related to K to 12 education shall be objective-oriented and consistent with the model core academic content standards objectives under section 1278 of the revised school code, MCL 380.1278.

(12) A person who has graduated from high school after 1996 and who has not previously taken an assessment under this section may take an assessment used for the purposes of this section, without charge to the person, at the district from which he or she

graduated from high school at any time that district administers the assessment or during a retesting period scheduled under subsection (7) and have his or her scaled score on the assessment included on his or her high school transcript. If the person's scaled score on a subject area assessment falls within the range required under subsection (2) for a category established under subsection (2), the district shall also indicate on the person's high school transcript that the person has achieved state endorsement for that subject area.

(13) A child who is a student in a nonpublic school or home school may take an assessment under this section. To take an assessment, a child who is a student in a home school shall contact the district in which the child resides, and that district shall administer the assessment, or the child may take the assessment at a nonpublic school if allowed by the nonpublic school. Upon request from a nonpublic school, the department shall supply assessments and the nonpublic school may administer the assessment.

(14) The purpose of the assessment under this section is to assess pupil performance in mathematics, science, social studies, and communication arts for the purpose of improving academic achievement and establishing a statewide standard of competency. The assessment under this section provides a common measure of data that will contribute to the improvement of Michigan schools' curriculum and instruction by encouraging alignment with Michigan's curriculum framework standards. These standards are based upon the expectations of what pupils should know and be able to do by the end of grade 11.

(15) As used in this section:

(a) "Communications skills" means reading and writing.

(b) "Social studies" means geography, history, economics, and American government.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved December 15, 2004.

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[No. 426]

(HB 4450)

AN ACT to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of owners and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to impose liability upon the state or local agencies; to provide appropriations for certain purposes; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to

this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date,” by amending section 803b (MCL 257.803b), as amended by 2003 PA 152.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

257.803b Personalized registration plate; number; use; letters and numbers; offensive connotation; material; duplication prohibited; submission of application; payment, disposition, and use of service fee; expiration date; letters and numbers given to different person in subsequent year; other sequence of letters and numbers; temporary permit.

Sec. 803b. (1) The secretary of state may issue 1 personalized vehicle registration plate which shall be used on the passenger motor vehicle, pick-up truck, motorcycle, van, motor home, hearse, bus, trailer coach, or trailer for which the plate is issued instead of a standard plate. Personalized plates shall bear letters and numbers as the secretary of state prescribes. The secretary of state shall not issue a letter combination which might carry a connotation offensive to good taste and decency. The personalized plates shall be made of the same material as standard plates. Personalized plates shall not be a duplication of another registration plate.

(2) An application for a personalized registration plate shall be submitted to the secretary of state pursuant to section 217. Application for an original personalized registration plate shall be accompanied with payment of a service fee of \$8.00 for the first month and of \$2.00 per month for each additional month of the registration period in addition to the regular vehicle registration fee. A second duplicate registration plate may be obtained by requesting that option on the application and paying an additional service fee of \$5.00. The original and duplicate service fees shall be deposited in the transportation administration collection fund created in section 810b. Application for the renewal of a personalized registration plate shall be accompanied with payment of a service fee of \$15.00 in addition to the regular vehicle registration fee. The service fee shall be credited to the Michigan transportation fund and shall be allocated pursuant to section 10 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.660. The amount allocated to the state trunk line fund shall be used by the state transportation department for litter pickup and cleanup on state roads and rights of way.

(3) The expiration date for a personalized registration plate shall be pursuant to section 226. Upon the issuance or renewal of a personalized registration plate, the secretary of state may issue a tab or tabs designating the month and year of expiration. Upon the renewal of a personalized registration plate, the secretary of state shall issue a new tab or tabs for the rear plate designating the next expiration date of the plate. Upon renewal, the secretary of state shall not issue the owner a new exact duplicate of the expired plate unless the plate is illegible and the owner pays the service fee and registration fee for an original personalized registration plate.

(4) The sequence of letters or numbers or combination of letters and numbers on a personalized plate shall not be given to a different person in a subsequent year unless the person to whom the plate was issued does not reapply before the expiration date of the plate.

(5) An applicant who applies for a registration plate under section 217d, 803e, 803f, 803j, 803k, 803l, 803n, or 803o is eligible to request, and the secretary of state may issue, the registration plate with a sequence of letters and numbers otherwise authorized under this section.

(6) The secretary of state may issue a temporary permit to a person who has submitted an application and the proper fees for a personalized plate if the applicant's vehicle registration may expire prior to receipt of his or her personalized plate. The temporary registration shall be valid for not more than 60 days after the date of issuance. The temporary permit shall be issued without a fee.

Effective date.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect January 1, 2006.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved December 16, 2004.

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[No. 427]

(HB 5544)

AN ACT to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of owners and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to impose liability upon the state or local agencies; to provide appropriations for certain purposes; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date," by amending section 801 (MCL 257.801), as amended by 2003 PA 152.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

257.801 Registration taxes on vehicles; schedules; computation; exemption from ad valorem taxes on vehicles in stock or bond; increase and disposition of certain taxes; late fee; definitions.

Sec. 801. (1) The secretary of state shall collect the following taxes at the time of registering a vehicle, which shall exempt the vehicle from all other state and local taxation, except the fees and taxes provided by law to be paid by certain carriers operating motor vehicles and trailers under the motor carrier act, 1933 PA 254, MCL 475.1 to 479.43; the taxes imposed by the motor carrier fuel tax act, 1980 PA 119, MCL 207.211 to 207.234; and except as otherwise provided by this act:

(a) For a motor vehicle, including a motor home, except as otherwise provided, and a pickup truck or van that weighs not more than 8,000 pounds, except as otherwise provided, according to the following schedule of empty weights:

Empty weights	Tax
0 to 3,000 pounds	\$ 29.00
3,001 to 3,500 pounds	32.00
3,501 to 4,000 pounds	37.00
4,001 to 4,500 pounds	43.00
4,501 to 5,000 pounds	47.00
5,001 to 5,500 pounds	52.00
5,501 to 6,000 pounds	57.00
6,001 to 6,500 pounds	62.00
6,501 to 7,000 pounds	67.00
7,001 to 7,500 pounds	71.00
7,501 to 8,000 pounds	77.00
8,001 to 8,500 pounds	81.00
8,501 to 9,000 pounds	86.00
9,001 to 9,500 pounds	91.00
9,501 to 10,000 pounds	95.00
over 10,000 pounds	\$ 0.90 per 100 pounds of empty weight

On October 1, 1983, and October 1, 1984, the tax assessed under this subdivision shall be annually revised for the registrations expiring on the appropriate October 1 or after that date by multiplying the tax assessed in the preceding fiscal year times the personal income of Michigan for the preceding calendar year divided by the personal income of Michigan for the calendar year that preceded that calendar year. In performing the calculations under this subdivision, the secretary of state shall use the spring preliminary report of the United States department of commerce or its successor agency. A van that is owned by an individual who uses a wheelchair or by an individual who transports a resident of his or her household who uses a wheelchair and for which registration plates are issued under section 803d shall be assessed at the rate of 50% of the tax provided for in this subdivision.

(b) For a trailer coach attached to a motor vehicle, the tax shall be assessed as provided in subdivision (l). A trailer coach not under 1959 PA 243, MCL 125.1035 to 125.1043, and while located on land otherwise assessable as real property under the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, if the trailer coach is used as a place of habitation, and whether or not permanently affixed to the soil, is not exempt from real property taxes.

(c) For a road tractor, truck, or truck tractor owned by a farmer and used exclusively in connection with a farming operation, including a farmer hauling livestock or farm equipment for other farmers for remuneration in kind or in labor, but not for money, or used for the transportation of the farmer and the farmer's family, and not used for hire, 74 cents per 100 pounds of empty weight of the road tractor, truck, or truck tractor. If the road tractor, truck, or truck tractor owned by a farmer is also used for a nonfarming operation, the farmer is subject to the highest registration tax applicable to the nonfarm use of the vehicle but is not subject to more than 1 tax rate under this act.

(d) For a road tractor, truck, or truck tractor owned by a wood harvester and used exclusively in connection with the wood harvesting operations or a truck used exclusively to haul milk from the farm to the first point of delivery, 74 cents per 100 pounds of empty weight of the road tractor, truck, or truck tractor. A registration secured by payment of the fee as prescribed in this subdivision continues in full force and effect until the regular expiration date of the registration. As used in this subdivision, "wood harvester" includes the person or persons hauling and transporting raw materials in the form produced at the harvest site. As used in this subdivision, "wood harvesting operations" does not include

the transportation of processed lumber, Christmas trees, or processed firewood for a profit making venture.

(e) For a hearse or ambulance used exclusively by a licensed funeral director in the general conduct of the licensee’s funeral business, including a hearse or ambulance whose owner is engaged in the business of leasing or renting the hearse or ambulance to others, \$1.17 per 100 pounds of the empty weight of the hearse or ambulance.

(f) For a vehicle owned and operated by this state, a state institution, a municipality, a privately incorporated, nonprofit volunteer fire department, or a nonpublic, nonprofit college or university, \$5.00 per plate. A registration plate issued under this subdivision expires on June 30 of the year in which new registration plates are reissued for all vehicles by the secretary of state.

(g) For a bus including a station wagon, carryall, or similarly constructed vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit parents’ transportation corporation used for school purposes, parochial school or society, church Sunday school, or any other grammar school, or by a nonprofit youth organization or nonprofit rehabilitation facility; or a motor vehicle owned and operated by a senior citizen center, \$10.00 per set, if the bus, station wagon, carryall, or similarly constructed vehicle or motor vehicle is designated by proper signs showing the organization operating the vehicle.

(h) For a vehicle owned by a nonprofit organization and used to transport equipment for providing dialysis treatment to children at camp; for a vehicle owned by the civil air patrol, as organized under 36 USC 40301 to 40307, \$10.00 per plate, if the vehicle is designated by a proper sign showing the civil air patrol’s name; for a vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit veterans center; for a vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit recycling center or a federally recognized nonprofit conservation organization; for a motor vehicle having a truck chassis and a locomotive or ship’s body that is owned by a nonprofit veterans organization and used exclusively in parades and civic events; or for an emergency support vehicle used exclusively for emergencies and owned and operated by a federally recognized nonprofit charitable organization, \$10.00 per plate.

(i) For each truck owned and operated free of charge by a bona fide ecclesiastical or charitable corporation, or red cross, girl scout, or boy scout organization, 65 cents per 100 pounds of the empty weight of the truck.

(j) For each truck, weighing 8,000 pounds or less, and not used to tow a vehicle, for each privately owned truck used to tow a trailer for recreational purposes only and not involved in a profit making venture, and for each vehicle designed and used to tow a mobile home or a trailer coach, except as provided in subdivision (b), \$38.00 or an amount computed according to the following schedule of empty weights, whichever is greater:

Empty weights	Per 100 pounds
0 to 2,500 pounds	\$ 1.40
2,501 to 4,000 pounds	1.76
4,001 to 6,000 pounds	2.20
6,001 to 8,000 pounds	2.72
8,001 to 10,000 pounds	3.25
10,001 to 15,000 pounds	3.77
15,001 pounds and over	4.39

If the tax required under subdivision (p) for a vehicle of the same model year with the same list price as the vehicle for which registration is sought under this subdivision is more than the tax provided under the preceding provisions of this subdivision for an identical vehicle, the tax required under this subdivision is not less than the tax required under subdivision (p) for a vehicle of the same model year with the same list price.

(k) For each truck weighing 8,000 pounds or less towing a trailer or any other combination of vehicles and for each truck weighing 8,001 pounds or more, road tractor or truck tractor, except as provided in subdivision (j) according to the following schedule of elected gross weights:

Elected gross weight	Tax
0 to 24,000 pounds	\$ 491.00
24,001 to 26,000 pounds	558.00
26,001 to 28,000 pounds	558.00
28,001 to 32,000 pounds	649.00
32,001 to 36,000 pounds	744.00
36,001 to 42,000 pounds	874.00
42,001 to 48,000 pounds	1,005.00
48,001 to 54,000 pounds	1,135.00
54,001 to 60,000 pounds	1,268.00
60,001 to 66,000 pounds	1,398.00
66,001 to 72,000 pounds	1,529.00
72,001 to 80,000 pounds	1,660.00
80,001 to 90,000 pounds	1,793.00
90,001 to 100,000 pounds	2,002.00
100,001 to 115,000 pounds	2,223.00
115,001 to 130,000 pounds	2,448.00
130,001 to 145,000 pounds	2,670.00
145,001 to 160,000 pounds	2,894.00
over 160,000 pounds	3,117.00

For each commercial vehicle registered under this subdivision, \$15.00 shall be deposited in a truck safety fund to be expended for the purposes prescribed in section 25 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.675.

If a truck or road tractor without trailer is leased from an individual owner-operator, the lessee, whether a person, firm, or corporation, shall pay to the owner-operator 60% of the tax prescribed in this subdivision for the truck tractor or road tractor at the rate of 1/12 for each month of the lease or arrangement in addition to the compensation the owner-operator is entitled to for the rental of his or her equipment.

(l) For each pole trailer, semitrailer, trailer coach, or trailer, the tax shall be assessed according to the following schedule of empty weights:

Empty weights	Tax
0 to 2,499 pounds	\$ 75.00
2,500 to 9,999 pounds	200.00
10,000 pounds and over	300.00

The registration plate issued under this subdivision expires only when the secretary of state reissues a new registration plate for all trailers. If the secretary of state reissues a new registration plate for all trailers, a person who has once paid the tax for a vehicle under this subdivision is not required to pay the tax for that vehicle a second time, but is required to pay only the cost of the reissued plate at the rate provided in section 804(2) for a standard plate. A registration plate issued under this subdivision is nontransferable.

(m) For each commercial vehicle used for the transportation of passengers for hire except for a vehicle for which a payment is made under 1960 PA 2, MCL 257.971 to 257.972, according to the following schedule of empty weights:

Empty weights	Per 100 pounds
0 to 4,000 pounds	\$ 1.76
4,001 to 6,000 pounds	2.20

6,001 to 10,000 pounds	2.72
10,001 pounds and over	3.25
(n) For each motorcycle	\$ 23.00

On October 1, 1983, and October 1, 1984, the tax assessed under this subdivision shall be annually revised for the registrations expiring on the appropriate October 1 or after that date by multiplying the tax assessed in the preceding fiscal year times the personal income of Michigan for the preceding calendar year divided by the personal income of Michigan for the calendar year that preceded that calendar year. In performing the calculations under this subdivision, the secretary of state shall use the spring preliminary report of the United States department of commerce or its successor agency.

Beginning January 1, 1984, the registration tax for each motorcycle is increased by \$3.00. The \$3.00 increase is not part of the tax assessed under this subdivision for the purpose of the annual October 1 revisions but is in addition to the tax assessed as a result of the annual October 1 revisions. Beginning January 1, 1984, \$3.00 of each motorcycle fee shall be placed in a motorcycle safety fund in the state treasury and shall be used only for funding the motorcycle safety education program as provided for under sections 312b and 811a.

(o) For each truck weighing 8,001 pounds or more, road tractor, or truck tractor used exclusively as a moving van or part of a moving van in transporting household furniture and household effects or the equipment or those engaged in conducting carnivals, at the rate of 80% of the schedule of elected gross weights in subdivision (k) as modified by the operation of that subdivision.

(p) After September 30, 1983, each motor vehicle of the 1984 or a subsequent model year as shown on the application required under section 217 that has not been previously subject to the tax rates of this section and that is of the motor vehicle category otherwise subject to the tax schedule described in subdivision (a), and each low-speed vehicle according to the following schedule based upon registration periods of 12 months:

(i) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, for the first registration that is not a transfer registration under section 809 and for the first registration after a transfer registration under section 809, according to the following schedule based on the vehicle's list price:

List Price	Tax
\$ 0 - \$ 6,000.00	\$ 30.00
More than \$ 6,000.00 - \$ 7,000.00	\$ 33.00
More than \$ 7,000.00 - \$ 8,000.00	\$ 38.00
More than \$ 8,000.00 - \$ 9,000.00	\$ 43.00
More than \$ 9,000.00 - \$ 10,000.00	\$ 48.00
More than \$ 10,000.00 - \$ 11,000.00	\$ 53.00
More than \$ 11,000.00 - \$ 12,000.00	\$ 58.00
More than \$ 12,000.00 - \$ 13,000.00	\$ 63.00
More than \$ 13,000.00 - \$ 14,000.00	\$ 68.00
More than \$ 14,000.00 - \$ 15,000.00	\$ 73.00
More than \$ 15,000.00 - \$ 16,000.00	\$ 78.00
More than \$ 16,000.00 - \$ 17,000.00	\$ 83.00
More than \$ 17,000.00 - \$ 18,000.00	\$ 88.00
More than \$ 18,000.00 - \$ 19,000.00	\$ 93.00
More than \$ 19,000.00 - \$ 20,000.00	\$ 98.00
More than \$ 20,000.00 - \$ 21,000.00	\$ 103.00
More than \$ 21,000.00 - \$ 22,000.00	\$ 108.00
More than \$ 22,000.00 - \$ 23,000.00	\$ 113.00
More than \$ 23,000.00 - \$ 24,000.00	\$ 118.00
More than \$ 24,000.00 - \$ 25,000.00	\$ 123.00

More than \$ 25,000.00 - \$ 26,000.00	\$ 128.00
More than \$ 26,000.00 - \$ 27,000.00	\$ 133.00
More than \$ 27,000.00 - \$ 28,000.00	\$ 138.00
More than \$ 28,000.00 - \$ 29,000.00	\$ 143.00
More than \$ 29,000.00 - \$ 30,000.00	\$ 148.00

More than \$30,000.00, the tax of \$148.00 is increased by \$5.00 for each \$1,000.00 increment or fraction of a \$1,000.00 increment over \$30,000.00. If a current tax increases or decreases as a result of 1998 PA 384, only a vehicle purchased or transferred after January 1, 1999 shall be assessed the increased or decreased fee.

(ii) For the second registration, 90% of the tax assessed under subparagraph (i).

(iii) For the third registration, 90% of the tax assessed under subparagraph (ii).

(iv) For the fourth and subsequent registrations, 90% of the tax assessed under subparagraph (iii).

For a vehicle of the 1984 or a subsequent model year that has been previously registered by a person other than the person applying for registration or for a vehicle of the 1984 or a subsequent model year that has been previously registered in another state or country and is registered for the first time in this state, the tax under this subdivision shall be determined by subtracting the model year of the vehicle from the calendar year for which the registration is sought. If the result is zero or a negative figure, the first registration tax shall be paid. If the result is 1, 2, or 3 or more, then, respectively, the second, third, or subsequent registration tax shall be paid. A van that is owned by an individual who uses a wheelchair or by an individual who transports a resident of his or her household who uses a wheelchair and for which registration plates are issued under section 803d shall be assessed at the rate of 50% of the tax provided for in this subdivision.

(q) For a wrecker, \$200.00.

(r) When the secretary of state computes a tax under this section, a computation that does not result in a whole dollar figure shall be rounded to the next lower whole dollar when the computation results in a figure ending in 50 cents or less and shall be rounded to the next higher whole dollar when the computation results in a figure ending in 51 cents or more, unless specific taxes are specified, and the secretary of state may accept the manufacturer's shipping weight of the vehicle fully equipped for the use for which the registration application is made. If the weight is not correctly stated or is not satisfactory, the secretary of state shall determine the actual weight. Each application for registration of a vehicle under subdivisions (j) and (m) shall have attached to the application a scale weight receipt of the vehicle fully equipped as of the time the application is made. The scale weight receipt is not necessary if there is presented with the application a registration receipt of the previous year that shows on its face the weight of the motor vehicle as registered with the secretary of state and that is accompanied by a statement of the applicant that there has not been a structural change in the motor vehicle that has increased the weight and that the previous registered weight is the true weight.

(2) A manufacturer is not exempted under this act from paying ad valorem taxes on vehicles in stock or bond, except on the specified number of motor vehicles registered. A dealer is exempt from paying ad valorem taxes on vehicles in stock or bond.

(3) Until October 1, 2009, the tax for a vehicle with an empty weight over 10,000 pounds imposed under subsection (1)(a) and the taxes imposed under subsection (1)(c), (d), (e), (f), (i), (j), (m), (o), and (p) are each increased as follows:

(a) A regulatory fee of \$2.25 that shall be credited to the traffic law enforcement and safety fund created in section 819a and used to regulate highway safety.

(b) A fee of \$5.75 that shall be credited to the transportation administration collection fund created in section 810b.

(4) If a tax required to be paid under this section is not received by the secretary of state on or before the expiration date of the registration plate, the secretary of state shall collect a late fee of \$10.00 for each registration renewed after the expiration date. An application for a renewal of a registration using the regular mail and postmarked before the expiration date of that registration shall not be assessed a late fee. The late fee collected under this subsection shall be deposited into the general fund.

(5) As used in this section:

(a) “Gross proceeds” means that term as defined in section 1 of the general sales tax act, 1933 PA 167, MCL 205.51, and includes the value of the motor vehicle used as part payment of the purchase price as that value is agreed to by the parties to the sale, as evidenced by the signed agreement executed under section 251.

(b) “List price” means the manufacturer’s suggested base list price as published by the secretary of state, or the manufacturer’s suggested retail price as shown on the label required to be affixed to the vehicle under section 2 of the automobile information disclosure act, 15 USC 1232, if the secretary of state has not at the time of the sale of the vehicle published a manufacturer’s suggested retail price for that vehicle, or the purchase price of the vehicle if the manufacturer’s suggested base list price is unavailable from the sources described in this subdivision.

(c) “Purchase price” means the gross proceeds received by the seller in consideration of the sale of the motor vehicle being registered.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved December 16, 2004.

Filed with Secretary of State December 17, 2004.

[No. 428]

(HB 5971)

AN ACT to amend 1964 PA 170, entitled “An act to make uniform the liability of municipal corporations, political subdivisions, and the state, its agencies and departments, officers, employees, and volunteers thereof, and members of certain boards, councils, and task forces when engaged in the exercise or discharge of a governmental function, for injuries to property and persons; to define and limit this liability; to define and limit the liability of the state when engaged in a proprietary function; to authorize the purchase of liability insurance to protect against loss arising out of this liability; to provide for defending certain claims made against public officers, employees, and volunteers and for paying damages sought or awarded against them; to provide for the legal defense of public officers, employees, and volunteers; to provide for reimbursement of public officers and employees for certain legal expenses; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 7 (MCL 691.1407), as amended by 2000 PA 318.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

691.1407 Immunity from tort liability; intentional torts; immunity of judge, legislator, official, and guardian ad litem; definitions.

Sec. 7. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act, a governmental agency is immune from tort liability if the governmental agency is engaged in the exercise or discharge of a governmental function. Except as otherwise provided in this act, this act does not modify

or restrict the immunity of the state from tort liability as it existed before July 1, 1965, which immunity is affirmed.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, and without regard to the discretionary or ministerial nature of the conduct in question, each officer and employee of a governmental agency, each volunteer acting on behalf of a governmental agency, and each member of a board, council, commission, or statutorily created task force of a governmental agency is immune from tort liability for an injury to a person or damage to property caused by the officer, employee, or member while in the course of employment or service or caused by the volunteer while acting on behalf of a governmental agency if all of the following are met:

(a) The officer, employee, member, or volunteer is acting or reasonably believes he or she is acting within the scope of his or her authority.

(b) The governmental agency is engaged in the exercise or discharge of a governmental function.

(c) The officer's, employee's, member's, or volunteer's conduct does not amount to gross negligence that is the proximate cause of the injury or damage.

(3) Subsection (2) does not alter the law of intentional torts as it existed before July 7, 1986.

(4) This act does not grant immunity to a governmental agency or an employee or agent of a governmental agency with respect to providing medical care or treatment to a patient, except medical care or treatment provided to a patient in a hospital owned or operated by the department of community health or a hospital owned or operated by the department of corrections and except care or treatment provided by an uncompensated tactical operation medical assistant.

(5) A judge, a legislator, and the elective or highest appointive executive official of all levels of government are immune from tort liability for injuries to persons or damages to property if he or she is acting within the scope of his or her judicial, legislative, or executive authority.

(6) A guardian ad litem is immune from civil liability for an injury to a person or damage to property if he or she is acting within the scope of his or her authority as guardian ad litem. This subsection applies to actions filed before, on, or after May 1, 1996.

(7) As used in this section:

(a) "Gross negligence" means conduct so reckless as to demonstrate a substantial lack of concern for whether an injury results.

(b) "Tactical operation" means a coordinated, planned action by a special operations, weapons, or response team of a law enforcement agency that is either of the following:

(i) Taken to deal with imminent violence, a riot, an act of terrorism, or a similar civic emergency.

(ii) The entry into a building or area to seize evidence, or to arrest an individual for a felony, under the authority of a warrant issued by a court.

(c) "Tactical operation medical assistant" means an individual licensed to practice 1 or more of the following, acting within the scope of the license, and assisting law enforcement officers while they are engaged in a tactical operation:

(i) Medicine, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or as a registered professional nurse, under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.

(ii) As an emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician specialist, or paramedic under part 209 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20901 to 333.20979.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.
Approved December 16, 2004.
Filed with Secretary of State December 17, 2004.

[No. 429]

(HB 5656)

AN ACT to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled “An act to prescribe the powers and duties of the department of management and budget; to define the authority and functions of its director and its organizational entities; to authorize the department to issue directives; to provide for the capital outlay program; to provide for the leasing, planning, constructing, maintaining, altering, renovating, demolishing, conveying of lands and facilities; to provide for centralized administrative services such as purchasing, payroll, record retention, data processing, and publishing and for access to certain services; to provide for a system of internal accounting and administrative control for certain principal departments; to provide for an internal auditor in certain principal departments; to provide for certain powers and duties of certain state officers and agencies; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the powers, duties, and laws relative to budgeting, accounting, and the regulating of appropriations; to provide for the implementation of certain constitutional provisions; to create funds and accounts; to make appropriations; to prescribe remedies and penalties; to rescind certain executive reorganization orders; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts,” (MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594) by adding section 237c.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

18.1237c Contract with architect, professional engineer, or contractor; liability; limitation; “contractor” defined.

Sec. 237c. (1) When entering into a contract with an architect, professional engineer, or contractor for any capital outlay project, capital improvement, or facility, the department shall not require the architect, professional engineer, or contractor to assume any liability or indemnify this state for any amount greater than the degree of fault of the architect, professional engineer, or contractor.

(2) As used in this section, “contractor” means a person who, pursuant to a contract with the owner or lessee of real property, provides an improvement to real property.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.
Approved December 20, 2004.
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[No. 430]

(SB 1453)

AN ACT to amend 1996 PA 376, entitled “An act to create and expand certain renaissance zones; to foster economic opportunities in this state; to facilitate economic development; to stimulate industrial, commercial, and residential improvements; to prevent

physical and infrastructure deterioration of geographic areas in this state; to authorize expenditures; to provide exemptions and credits from certain taxes; to create certain obligations of this state and local governmental units; to require disclosure of certain transactions and gifts; to provide for appropriations; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local departments, agencies, and officials,” by amending sections 6 and 8a (MCL 125.2686 and 125.2688a), section 6 as amended by 2004 PA 16 and section 8a as amended by 2002 PA 587.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

125.2686 Renaissance zone review board; duties; prohibitions; modifications; payment in lieu of taxes.

Sec. 6. (1) The board shall review all recommendations submitted by the review board and determine which applications meet the criteria contained in section 7.

(2) The board shall do all of the following:

(a) Designate renaissance zones.

(b) Subject to subsection (3), approve or reject the duration of renaissance zone status.

(c) Subject to subsection (3), approve or reject the geographic boundaries and the total area of the renaissance zone as submitted in the application.

(3) The board shall not alter the geographic boundaries of the renaissance zone or the duration of renaissance zone status described in the application unless the qualified local governmental unit or units and the local governmental unit or units in which the renaissance zone is to be located consent by resolution to the alteration.

(4) The board shall not designate a renaissance zone under section 8 before November 1, 1996 or after December 31, 1996.

(5) The designation of a renaissance zone under this act shall take effect on January 1 in the year following designation. However, for purposes of the taxes exempted under section 9(2), the designation of a renaissance zone under this act shall take effect on December 31 in the year of designation.

(6) The board shall not designate a renaissance zone under section 8a after December 31, 2002.

(7) Through December 31, 2002, a qualified local governmental unit in which a renaissance zone was designated under section 8 or 8a may modify the boundaries of that renaissance zone to include contiguous parcels of property as determined by the qualified local governmental unit and approval by the review board. The additional contiguous parcels of property included in a renaissance zone under this subsection do not constitute an additional distinct geographic area under section 4(1)(d). If the boundaries of the renaissance zone are modified as provided in this subsection, the additional contiguous parcels of property shall become part of the original renaissance zone on the same terms and conditions as the original designation of that renaissance zone.

(8) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, before July 1, 2004, a qualified local governmental unit in which a renaissance zone was designated under section 8a(1) as a renaissance zone located in a rural area may modify the boundaries of that renaissance zone to include a contiguous parcel of property as determined by the qualified local governmental unit. The contiguous parcel of property shall only include property that is less than .5 acres in size and that the qualified local governmental unit previously sought to have included in the zone by submitting an application in February 2002 that was not acted upon by the review board. The additional contiguous parcel of property included in

a renaissance zone under this subsection does not constitute an additional distinct geographic area under section 4(1)(d). If the boundaries of the renaissance zone are modified as provided in this subsection, the additional contiguous parcel of property shall become part of the original renaissance zone on the same terms and conditions as the rest of the property in that renaissance zone.

(9) A business that is located and conducts business activity within a renaissance zone designated under section 8(1) and (2), 8a(1) and (3), 8c(1), or 8d(1) shall not make a payment in lieu of taxes to any taxing jurisdiction within the qualified local governmental unit in which the renaissance zone is located.

125.2688a Additional renaissance zones; designation; property located in alternative energy zone; definitions.

Sec. 8a. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2), (3), and (4), the board shall not designate more than 9 additional renaissance zones within this state under this section. Not more than 6 of the renaissance zones shall be located in urban areas and not more than 5 of the renaissance zones shall be located in rural areas. For purposes of determining whether a renaissance zone is located in an urban area or rural area under this section, if any part of a renaissance zone is located within an urban area, the entire renaissance zone shall be considered to be located in an urban area.

(2) The board of the Michigan strategic fund described in section 4 of the Michigan strategic fund act, 1984 PA 270, MCL 125.2004, may designate not more than 6 additional renaissance zones within this state in 1 or more cities, villages, or townships if that city, village, or township or combination of cities, villages, or townships consents to the creation of a renaissance zone within their boundaries. The board of the Michigan strategic fund may designate not more than 1 of the 6 additional renaissance zones described in this subsection as an alternative energy zone. An alternative energy zone shall promote and increase the research, development, and manufacturing of alternative energy technology as that term is defined in the Michigan next energy authority act. An alternative energy zone shall have a duration of renaissance zone status for a period not to exceed 20 years as determined by the board of the Michigan strategic fund. Not later than April 16, 2004, the board of the Michigan strategic fund may designate not more than 1 of the 6 additional renaissance zones described in this subsection as a pharmaceutical renaissance zone. A pharmaceutical renaissance zone shall promote and increase the research, development, and manufacturing of pharmaceutical products of an eligible pharmaceutical company. The board of the Michigan strategic fund may designate not more than 1 of the additional 6 renaissance zones described in this subsection as a redevelopment renaissance zone. A redevelopment renaissance zone shall promote the redevelopment of existing industrial facilities. Before designating a renaissance zone under this subsection, the board of the Michigan strategic fund may enter into a development agreement with the city, township, or village in which the renaissance zone will be located.

(3) In addition to the not more than 9 additional renaissance zones described in subsection (1), the board may designate additional renaissance zones within this state in 1 or more qualified local governmental units if that qualified local governmental unit or units contain a military installation that was operated by the United States department of defense and was closed in 1977 or after 1990.

(4) Land owned by a county or the qualified local governmental unit or units adjacent to a zone as described in subsection (3) may be included in this zone.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, property located in the alternative energy zone that is classified as commercial real property under section 34c of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.34c, and that the authority, with the concurrence of the assessor of the local tax collecting unit, determines is not used to directly promote and increase the research, development, and manufacturing of alternative energy technology is not eligible for any exemption, deduction, or credit under section 9.

(6) As used in this section:

(a) “Eligible pharmaceutical company” means a company that meets all of the following criteria:

(i) Is engaged primarily in manufacturing, research and development, and sale of pharmaceuticals.

(ii) Has not less than 8,500 employees located in this state, all of whom are located within a 100-mile radius of each other.

(iii) Of the total number of employees located in this state, has not less than 5,000 engaged primarily in research and development of pharmaceuticals.

(b) “Redevelopment renaissance zone” means a renaissance zone that meets all of the following:

(i) Is located in a city with a population of more than 7,500 and less than 8,500 and is located in a county with a population of more than 60,000 and less than 70,000.

(ii) Contains an industrial site of 200 or more acres.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 431]

(SB 753)

AN ACT to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to provide for the levy of taxes against certain health facilities or agencies; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to

provide for an appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates,” (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 5474a; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

333.5474a Childhood lead poisoning prevention and control commission; repeal of section.

Sec. 5474a. (1) Within 30 days after the effective date of this section, the governor shall establish a childhood lead poisoning prevention and control commission within the department of community health. The commission shall consist of the following 9 voting members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate:

(a) One member representing the department of community health. The member appointed under this subdivision shall serve as chairperson.

(b) One member representing the family independence agency.

(c) One member representing the department of environmental quality.

(d) One member representing the Michigan state housing development authority.

(e) One member representing “Get the Lead Out!”. The member appointed under this subdivision shall be from a county with a population of more than 500,000 but not more than 700,000.

(f) One member representing a local health department located in a county with a population of more than 170,000 but not more than 200,000.

(g) One member representing certified lead-abatement contractors.

(h) Two members representing the general public. One of the members appointed under this subdivision shall be from a city with a population of 750,000 or more and be a parent of a child who has experienced lead poisoning or a child advocate who has experience with lead poisoning in children. The second member appointed under this subdivision shall represent property owners and developers in this state.

(2) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation but, subject to appropriations, may receive reimbursement for their actual and necessary expenses while attending meetings or performing other authorized official business of the commission. If a vacancy occurs on the commission, that vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(3) The childhood lead poisoning prevention and control commission shall conduct at least 2 public hearings to seek input from the general public and all of the following groups or individuals that have an interest in childhood lead poisoning prevention and control:

(a) The Michigan association of osteopathic family practitioners or its successor organization.

(b) The Michigan nurses association or its successor organization.

(c) The Michigan association of nurse practitioners or its successor organization.

(d) The Michigan association of health plans or its successor organization.

(e) The Michigan association of local public health or its successor organization.

(f) Blue cross blue shield of Michigan or its successor organization.

(g) The Michigan health and hospital association or its successor organization.

(h) The Michigan head start association or its successor organization.

- (i) The Michigan council for maternal and child health or its successor organization.
 - (j) Michigan's children or its successor organization.
 - (k) Michigan league for human services or its successor organization.
 - (l) Detroit public schools or its successor organization.
 - (m) The rental property owners association or its successor organization.
 - (n) The Michigan association of general contractors or its successor organization.
 - (o) The Michigan association of realtors or its successor organization.
 - (p) The Michigan environmental council or its successor organization.
 - (q) The Michigan adult blood lead epidemiology and surveillance program or its successor organization.
 - (r) The Michigan state university extension program or its successor organization.
 - (s) The Detroit lead partnership or its successor organization.
 - (t) The Michigan lead safe partnership or its successor organization.
 - (u) The Detroit mayor's lead task force or its successor organization.
 - (v) United parents against lead or its successor organization.
 - (w) The department of education or its successor organization.
 - (x) The Michigan department of community health medical services administration or its successor organization.
 - (y) The Michigan occupational safety and health administration or its successor organization.
 - (z) The Michigan department of community health bureau of laboratories or its successor organization.
 - (aa) An occupational and environmental medicine specialist.
 - (bb) Parents or patient advocates of children who have experienced lead poisoning.
 - (cc) A local housing authority.
 - (dd) A community reinvestment officer.
 - (ee) The Michigan state medical society or its successor organization.
 - (ff) The Michigan academy of family practice or its successor organization.
 - (gg) Saint Mary's field neurosciences institute or its successor organization.
 - (hh) The American academy of pediatrics or its successor organization.
 - (ii) The arc Michigan organization or its successor organization.
 - (jj) Any other interested organization or association concerned with the prevention, treatment, and control of lead poisoning that the department determines necessary.
- (4) The first public hearing shall be held within 60 days after the commission has been appointed under subsection (1). The commission may hold additional public hearings as it determines necessary or appropriate to carry out its duties under this part.
- (5) The commission shall conduct its business at a public meeting held in compliance with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275. The commission shall give public notice of the time, date, and place of the meeting in the manner required by the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.
- (6) The commission shall make available a writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the childhood lead poisoning prevention and control commission to

the public in compliance with the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

(7) As used in this section, “commission” means the commission created and appointed by the governor under subsection (1).

(8) This section is repealed effective July 1, 2007.

Conditional effective date.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless House Bill No. 5118 of the 92nd Legislature is enacted into law.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved December 21, 2004.

Filed with Secretary of State December 21, 2004.

Compiler’s note: House Bill No. 5118, referred to in enacting section 1, was filed with the Secretary of State October 20, 2004, and became P.A. 2004, No. 400, Eff. Dec. 21, 2004.

[No. 432]

(HB 5116)

AN ACT to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to provide for the levy of taxes against certain health facilities or agencies; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to provide for an appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates,” (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 5474b.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

333.5474b Lead safe housing registry.

Sec. 5474b. (1) The department in cooperation with the family independence agency and the Michigan state housing development authority shall establish and maintain a registry, to be known as the “lead safe housing registry”, to provide the public with a

listing of residential and multifamily dwellings and child occupied facilities that have been abated of or have had interim controls performed to control lead-based paint hazards as determined through a lead-based paint investigation performed by a certified risk assessor certified under this part.

(2) The owner of target housing that is offered for rent or lease as a residence or the owner of a child occupied facility shall register that property with the department if that property has been abated of or has had interim controls performed to control lead-based paint hazards as determined through a lead-based paint investigation performed by a certified risk assessor certified under this part in a form as prescribed by the department free of charge. The form shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(a) Name of the owner of the building.

(b) Address of the building.

(c) Date of construction.

(d) Date and description of any lead-based paint activity including the name of the certified abatement worker or the certified risk assessor certified under this part who performed the abatement or conducted the inspection, lead-hazard screen, assessment, or clearance testing of the building and the results of the lead-based paint activity.

(3) An owner required to register his or her property under subsection (2) shall provide the department with a copy of each report, document, or other information that is required to be filed with the federal government under federal law and regulations related to lead-based paint.

(4) The owner of any other residential or multifamily dwelling that is offered for rent or lease as a residence or the owner of a child occupied facility may register that property with the department and the department shall include that property on the lead safe housing registry. A person who wishes to register under this subsection shall execute and return the registration form to the department with payment of the registration fee in an amount as prescribed by the department.

(5) The department shall publish the lead safe housing registry on its website and provide a copy of the registry to a person upon request. The department may charge a reasonable, cost-based fee for providing copies of the lead safe housing registry under this subsection.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved December 21, 2004.

Filed with Secretary of State December 21, 2004.

[No. 433]

(SB 756)

AN ACT to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials;

to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to provide for the levy of taxes against certain health facilities or agencies; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to provide for an appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates,” (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding sections 5474b and 5474c.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

333.5474b[1] Lead safe housing registry.

Sec. 5474b. (1) The department in cooperation with the family independence agency and the Michigan state housing development authority shall establish and maintain a registry, to be known as the “lead safe housing registry”, to provide the public with a listing of residential and multifamily dwellings and child occupied facilities that have been abated of or have had interim controls performed to control lead-based paint hazards as determined through a lead-based paint investigation performed by a certified risk assessor certified under this part.

(2) The owner of target housing that is offered for rent or lease as a residence or the owner of a child occupied facility shall register that property with the department if that property has been abated of or has had interim controls performed to control lead-based paint hazards as determined through a lead-based paint investigation performed by a certified risk assessor certified under this part in a form as prescribed by the department free of charge. The form shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- (a) Name of the owner of the building.
- (b) Address of the building.
- (c) Date of construction.

(d) Date and description of any lead-based paint activity including the name of the certified abatement worker or the certified risk assessor certified under this part who performed the abatement or conducted the inspection, lead-hazard screen, assessment, or clearance testing of the building and the results of the lead-based paint activity.

(3) An owner required to register his or her property under subsection (2) shall provide the department with a copy of each report, document, or other information that is required to be filed with the federal government under federal law and regulations related to lead-based paint.

(4) The owner of any other residential or multifamily dwelling that is offered for rent or lease as a residence or the owner of a child occupied facility may register that property with the department and the department shall include that property on the lead safe housing registry. A person who wishes to register under this subsection shall execute and return the registration form to the department with payment of the registration fee in an amount as prescribed by the department.

(5) The department shall publish the lead safe housing registry on its website and provide a copy of the registry to a person upon request. The department may charge a reasonable, cost-based fee for providing copies of the lead safe housing registry under this subsection.

Compiler's note: This added section is compiled as MCL 333.5474b[1] to distinguish it from another Sec. 5474b deriving from Act 432 of 2004.

333.5474c[1] Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.

Sec. 5474c. (1) The legislature recognizes the imminent threats posed to children's health and cognitive development from ingestion of lead paint dust in residential neighborhoods, the broad dispersal of lead-laden soils from historical airborne deposition of leaded fuel emissions, and identified specific facilities that present known or potential lead hazards. The legislature further recognizes the need to educate the citizens of this state regarding those threats.

(2) The legislature declares that October 23 through October 29, 2005 shall be known as the "Lead Poisoning Prevention Week" and for each year thereafter the period beginning on the fourth Sunday of October through the following Saturday shall be known as the "Lead Poisoning Prevention Week".

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved December 21, 2004.

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Compiler's note: This added section is compiled as MCL 333.5474c[1] to distinguish it from another Sec. 5474c deriving from Act 400 of 2004.

[No. 434]

(SB 757)

AN ACT to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to provide for the levy of taxes against certain health facilities or agencies; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to provide for an appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 5475a.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

333.5475a Rental unit containing lead-based hazard; presumption of actual knowledge; violation; penalties; defense; burden of proof; definitions.

Sec. 5475a. (1) A property manager, housing commission, or owner of a rental unit who rents or continues to rent a residential housing unit to a family with a minor child who is found to have 10 micrograms or more of lead per deciliter of venous blood is subject to the penalties provided under subsection (3) if all of the following apply:

(a) The property manager, housing commission, or owner of the rental unit has prior actual knowledge that the rental unit contains a lead-based paint hazard.

(b) At least ninety days have passed since the property manager, housing commission, or owner of the rental unit had actual knowledge of the lead paint hazard.

(c) The property manager, housing commission, or owner of the rental unit has not acted in good faith to reduce the lead paint hazards through interim controls or abatement or a combination of interim controls and abatement.

(2) A property manager, housing commission, or owner of the rental unit is presumed to have prior actual knowledge that a unit contains a lead-based paint hazard only if 1 of the following applies:

(a) The property manager, housing commission, or owner of the rental unit signed an acknowledgment of the hazard as a result of a risk assessment under this chapter at the time the risk assessment was made.

(b) The property manager, housing commission, or owner of the rental unit was served as a result of a risk assessment under this chapter with notice of the hazard by first-class mail and a return receipt of that service was obtained.

(3) A property manager, housing commission, or owner of the rental unit convicted of violating this section is guilty of a crime as follows:

(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the property manager, housing commission, or owner of the rental unit is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, or both.

(b) If the property manager, housing commission, or owner of the rental unit was previously convicted of violating this section or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to this section, the property manager, housing commission, or owner of the rental unit is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$10,000.00, or both.

(4) The property manager, housing commission, or owner of the rental unit may assert 1 or more of the following as an affirmative defense in a prosecution of violating this section, and has the burden of proof on that defense by a preponderance of the evidence:

(a) That the property manager, housing commission, or owner of the rental unit requested or contracted with a person having responsibility for maintaining the rental unit to reduce the hazard through interim controls or abatement and reasonably expected that the hazard would be reduced.

(b) That the tenant would not allow entry into or upon premises where the hazard is located or otherwise interfered with correcting the hazard.

(5) As used in this section:

(a) "Property manager" means a person who engages in property management as defined in section 2501 of the occupational code, 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.2501.

(b) "Lead-based paint hazard" means that term as defined in section 5458 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.5458.

Effective date.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect January 2, 2005.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved December 21, 2004.

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[No. 435]**(SB 184)**

AN ACT to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled “An act to provide for the levy, assessment and collection of a specific excise tax on the storage, use or consumption in this state of tangible personal property and certain services; to appropriate the proceeds thereof; and to prescribe penalties for violations of the provisions of this act,” (MCL 205.91 to 205.111) by adding section 4w.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

205.94w Applicability of tax; exceptions; definitions.

Sec. 4w. (1) Beginning April 1, 2005, the tax levied under this act does not apply to either of the following:

(a) The donation of a motor vehicle to a regularly organized church or house of religious worship that received the motor vehicle with the intent that it be donated to a qualified recipient.

(b) The donation of a motor vehicle from or through a regularly organized church or house of religious worship to a qualified recipient that was received by the church or house of religious worship with the intent that it be donated to a qualified recipient.

(2) As used in this section:

(a) “Qualified recipient” means an individual certified by the regularly organized church or house of religious worship on a form prescribed by the department and provided to a qualified recipient as meeting all of the following qualifications:

(i) Before October 1, 2005, all of the following qualifications:

(A) The individual receives or, if he or she applied, would be eligible to receive public assistance through a program created and administered under the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.1 to 400.119b.

(B) The individual has a valid Michigan operator’s or chauffeur’s license.

(C) Public transportation is not reasonably available to the individual, the individual has no other reliable means by which to commute to his or her place of employment, and the individual will use the eligible vehicle as his or her primary means of transportation to commute to and from his or her place of employment.

(D) If the individual is currently employed for not less than an average of 20 hours per week, the individual requires an automobile to retain his or her current employment or to accept a verified offer of employment in a position that is demonstrably superior to his or her current position of employment.

(E) If the individual is not currently employed or is employed for less than an average of 20 hours per week, the individual requires an automobile to accept a verified offer of employment of not less than an average of 20 hours per week and cannot begin employment in that position without an automobile.

(ii) After September 30, 2005, all of the following qualifications:

(A) The individual receives or, if he or she applied, would be eligible to receive public assistance through a program created and administered under the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.1 to 400.119b, or the individual has a total household income below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines updated annually in the federal register of the United States department of health and human services.

(B) The individual has a valid Michigan operator's or chauffeur's license.

(b) "Regularly organized church or house of religious worship" means a religious organization qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of 1986.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved December 16, 2004.

Filed with Secretary of State December 21, 2004.

[No. 436]

(HB 6101)

AN ACT to authorize the state administrative board to convey certain parcels of state owned property in Branch county and Berrien county; to prescribe conditions for the conveyances; and to provide for disposition of the revenue from the conveyances.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Conveyance of state-owned property to township of Coldwater; consideration; jurisdiction; location; adjustment; provisions; quit-claim deed; disposition of revenue.

Sec. 1. (1) The state administrative board, on behalf of the state, may convey to the township of Coldwater, in Branch county, for consideration of \$1.00, certain state owned property that is currently under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections and is adjacent to a parcel of property previously conveyed by the state to the township of Coldwater, and is located in Branch county, Michigan, and more particularly described as:

Land in Coldwater Township, Branch County, Michigan.

Land in the Southwest quarter of Section 10, Town 6 South, Range 6 West, Coldwater Township, Branch County, Michigan and described as beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 10 located North 00° 46' 35" West 1295.64 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 10; and running thence from this point of beginning North 89° 59' 49" East 379.40 feet; thence South 00° 46' 35" East 444.00 feet; thence North 89° 59' 49" East 263.32 feet; thence North 00° 46' 35" West 463.61 feet; thence North 54° 19' 36" West 343.57 feet; thence South 89° 59' 49" West 366.34 feet, to the West line of said Section 10; and thence South 00° 46' 35" East 220.00 feet, along said Section line and along Marshall Road to the point of beginning. Containing 5.3 acres of land.

(2) The description of the parcel in subsection (1) is approximate and for purposes of the conveyance is subject to adjustment as the state administrative board or attorney general considers necessary by survey or other legal description.

(3) The conveyance authorized by subsection (1) shall provide for all of the following:

(a) The property shall be used exclusively for public recreational purposes and if any fee, term, or condition for the use of the property is imposed on members of the public, or if any of those fees, terms, or conditions are waived for use of this property, resident and nonresident members of the public shall be subject to the same fees, terms, conditions, and waivers.

(b) Upon termination of the public purpose use described in subdivision (a) or in the event of use for any nonpublic purpose, the state may reenter and repossess the property, terminating the grantee's estate in the property.

(c) If the grantee disputes the state's exercise of its right of reentry and fails to promptly deliver possession of the property to the state, the attorney general, on behalf of the state, may bring an action to quiet title to, and regain possession of, the property.

(4) The conveyance authorized by subsection (1) shall be by quitclaim deed approved by the attorney general and shall reserve mineral rights to the state. The quitclaim deed shall include the requirement that the grantee, not later than June 1, 2005, shall install a 6-foot-tall chain-link fence that separates the property conveyed under this section and the adjacent parcel of property previously conveyed by the state to the township of Coldwater from the property remaining under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections.

(5) The revenue received under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the general fund.

Conveyance of state-owned property to city of Niles in Berrien county; fair market value; description; adjustment; appraisal; quitclaim deed; disposition of revenue.

Sec. 2. (1) The state administrative board, on behalf of the state, may convey to the city of Niles, in Berrien county, for not less than fair market value plus a fee equal to the administrative costs incurred by the state in managing the conveyance, including, but not limited to, the costs of appraising and surveying the subject property, certain state owned property located in Berrien county, Michigan, and more particularly described as follows:

The north ten (10) feet of lot 17 of Newton Place, city of Niles, Berrien county, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in liber 7 of plats, page 41, Berrien county records.

(2) The description of the parcel in subsection (1) is approximate and for purposes of the conveyance is subject to adjustment as the state administrative board or attorney general considers necessary by survey or other legal description.

(3) The fair market value of the property described in subsection (1) shall be determined by a qualified independent fee appraiser selected by the department of management and budget, real estate division.

(4) The conveyance authorized by this section shall be by quitclaim deed approved by the attorney general and shall not reserve mineral rights to the state.

(5) The revenue received under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the general fund, except that the Michigan department of management and budget may deduct and retain reimbursement for its administrative costs incurred in managing the conveyance, including, but not limited to, the costs of appraising and surveying the subject property.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 437]**(HB 5415)**

AN ACT to amend 1974 PA 198, entitled “An act to provide for the establishment of plant rehabilitation districts and industrial development districts in local governmental units; to provide for the exemption from certain taxes; to levy and collect a specific tax upon the owners of certain facilities; to impose and provide for the disposition of an administrative fee; to provide for the disposition of the tax; to provide for the obtaining and transferring of an exemption certificate and to prescribe the contents of those certificates; to prescribe the powers and duties of the state tax commission and certain officers of local governmental units; and to provide penalties,” by amending section 4 (MCL 207.554), as amended by 1999 PA 140.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

207.554 Plant rehabilitation district or industrial development district; establishment; number of parcels; filing; notice; hearing; finding and determination; district established by township; industrial property as part of industrial development district or plant rehabilitation district also part of tax increment district; termination; notice.

Sec. 4. (1) A local governmental unit, by resolution of its legislative body, may establish plant rehabilitation districts and industrial development districts that consist of 1 or more parcels or tracts of land or a portion of a parcel or tract of land.

(2) The legislative body of a local governmental unit may establish a plant rehabilitation district or an industrial development district on its own initiative or upon a written request filed by the owner or owners of 75% of the state equalized value of the industrial property located within a proposed plant rehabilitation district or industrial development district. This request shall be filed with the clerk of the local governmental unit.

(3) Except as provided in section 9(2)(h), after December 31, 1983, a request for the establishment of a proposed plant rehabilitation district or industrial development district shall be filed only in connection with a proposed replacement facility or new facility, the construction, acquisition, alteration, or installation of or for which has not commenced at the time of the filing of the request. The legislative body of a local governmental unit shall not establish a plant rehabilitation district or an industrial development district pursuant to subsection (2) if it finds that the request for the district was filed after the commencement of construction, alteration, or installation of, or of an acquisition related to, the proposed replacement facility or new facility. This subsection shall not apply to a speculative building.

(4) Before adopting a resolution establishing a plant rehabilitation district or industrial development district, the legislative body shall give written notice by certified mail to the owners of all real property within the proposed plant rehabilitation district or industrial development district and shall hold a public hearing on the establishment of the plant rehabilitation district or industrial development district at which those owners and other residents or taxpayers of the local governmental unit shall have a right to appear and be heard.

(5) The legislative body of the local governmental unit, in its resolution establishing a plant rehabilitation district, shall set forth a finding and determination that property comprising not less than 50% of the state equalized valuation of the industrial property within the district is obsolete.

(6) A plant rehabilitation district or industrial development district established by a township shall be only within the unincorporated territory of the township and shall not be within a village.

(7) Industrial property that is part of an industrial development district or a plant rehabilitation district may also be part of a tax increment district established under the tax increment finance authority act, 1980 PA 450, MCL 125.1801 to 125.1830.

(8) A local governmental unit, by resolution of its legislative body, may terminate a plant rehabilitation district or an industrial development district, if there are no industrial facilities exemption certificates in effect in the plant rehabilitation district or the industrial development district on the date of the resolution to terminate.

(9) Before acting on a proposed resolution terminating a plant rehabilitation district or an industrial development district, the local governmental unit shall give at least 14 days' written notice by certified mail to the owners of all real property within the plant rehabilitation district or industrial development district as determined by the tax records in the office of the assessor or the treasurer of the local tax collecting unit in which the property is located and shall hold a public hearing on the termination of the plant rehabilitation district or industrial development district at which those owners and other residents or taxpayers of the local governmental unit, or others, shall have a right to appear and be heard.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 438]

(HB 6020)

AN ACT to designate Police Officers Memorial Day in the state of Michigan.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

435.351 Police Officers Memorial Day.

Sec. 1. In recognition of the men and women who have lost their lives in the line of duty while serving as law enforcement officers in the state of Michigan, May 15 of each year shall be known as "Police Officers Memorial Day".

435.352 Flags at public buildings; memorial ceremony.

Sec. 2. On this day, all flags at public buildings shall be lowered to half staff in honor and appreciation of fallen law enforcement officers. Each community throughout the state is encouraged to conduct a memorial ceremony, and the state's citizens are encouraged to pause and reflect on the dedicated professionals who bravely chose to accept personal risk and made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting and defending the public.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 439]**(HB 5194)**

AN ACT to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge of certain substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, and assessments; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 9307 (MCL 324.9307), as amended by 2002 PA 107.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

324.9307 Directors; appointment; terms; chairperson; annual meeting; election; notice; vacancies; quorum; expenses; employees; legal services; delegation of powers and duties; copies of documents; duties of directors; removal of director; designation and function of legislative representative.

Sec. 9307. (1) A conservation district board shall consist of 5 directors, elected or appointed as provided in this part. The directors shall designate a chairperson annually.

(2) The term of office of each director shall be 4 years. All directors shall be elected at an annual meeting by residents of the district. The election shall be nonpartisan and the directors shall be elected by the residents of the district at large. At least 60 days prior to the annual meeting, a candidate for conservation district director must file at the conservation district office a petition signed by 5 residents of the district. A candidate must be a resident of the district. The annual meeting shall be held at a date determined by the board of directors of the district. Notice of the annual meeting shall be published in the official newspaper of record for the area in which the district is located at least 45 days prior to the date of the annual meeting. This notice shall include the date, time, and location of the annual meeting, an agenda of items to be considered at the meeting, and a list of all candidates for directors of the conservation district. A resident of a district who is unable to attend the annual meeting may vote for the directors of the conservation district by absentee ballot as follows:

(a) In person at the conservation district office, during regular business hours of the conservation district office, at any time after publication of the notice and prior to the annual meeting.

(b) By mail received at the conservation district office at any time after publication of the notice and prior to the annual meeting.

(3) Director elections shall be certified by the department. A director shall hold office until a successor has been elected and qualified. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the board until the next annual meeting.

(4) A majority of the directors constitutes a quorum, and the concurrence of a majority in any matter within their duties is required for its determination. A director is entitled to expenses, including traveling expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of his or her duties. A director may be paid a per diem for time spent undertaking his or her duties

as a director in an amount not to exceed the per diem paid to a member of the commission of agriculture.

(5) The directors may employ a secretary, technical experts, and such other officers, agents, and employees, permanent and temporary, as they may require, and shall determine their qualifications, duties, and compensation. The directors may call upon the attorney general of the state for legal services as they may require. The directors may delegate to their chairperson, to 1 or more directors, or to 1 or more agents or employees any powers and duties that they consider proper. The directors shall furnish to the department, upon request, copies of ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, contracts, forms, and other documents that they adopt or employ, and any other information concerning their activities that the department may require in the performance of its duties under this part.

(6) The directors shall do all of the following:

(a) Provide for the execution of surety bonds for all employees and officers who are entrusted with funds or property.

(b) Provide for the keeping of a full and accurate record of all proceedings and of all resolutions, regulations, and orders issued or adopted.

(c) Determine the fiscal year of the district.

(d) Provide for an annual audit of the accounts of receipts and disbursements.

(e) Maintain accurate financial records of receipts and disbursements of state funds, which records shall be made available to the department.

(7) Any director may be removed by the department upon notice and hearing for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office, but for no other reason.

(8) The directors may invite the legislative body of any municipality or county located near the territory comprised within the district to designate a representative to advise and consult with the directors of the district on all questions of program and policy that may affect the property, water supply, or other interests of the municipality or county.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved December 16, 2004.

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[No. 440]

(HB 5645)

AN ACT to amend 1846 RS 14, entitled "Of county officers," by amending section 91 (MCL 53.91).

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

53.91 Register of deeds; deputy; appointment; oath of office; revocation; filing.

Sec. 91. (1) The register of deeds shall appoint a deputy or deputies, 1 of whom shall serve as the chief deputy. The register shall employ personnel necessary to perform the

functions and duties of the office of register of deeds. The number of employees shall be approved by the county board of commissioners.

(2) Before taking office, a person appointed under this section shall take the constitutional oath of office as required by section 1 of 1951 PA 22, MCL 15.151.

(3) The register of deeds may revoke his or her appointment at any time.

(4) An appointment or revocation made under this section shall be in writing and filed with the county clerk.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved December 16, 2004.

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[No. 441]

(HB 5724)

AN ACT to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled “An act to provide for the assessment of rights and interests, including leasehold interests, in property and the levy and collection of taxes on property, and for the collection of taxes levied; making those taxes a lien on the property taxed, establishing and continuing the lien, providing for the sale or forfeiture and conveyance of property delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the state and not redeemed or purchased; to provide for the establishment of a delinquent tax revolving fund and the borrowing of money by counties and the issuance of notes; to define and limit the jurisdiction of the courts in proceedings in connection with property delinquent for taxes; to limit the time within which actions may be brought; to prescribe certain limitations with respect to rates of taxation; to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain officers, departments, agencies, and political subdivisions of this state; to provide for certain reimbursements of certain expenses incurred by units of local government; to provide penalties for the violation of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” (MCL 211.1 to 211.157) by adding section 52a.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

211.52a Returning erroneously collected taxes or taxes ordered returned by court order.

Sec. 52a. If a local tax collecting unit has distributed taxes collected under this act to a local taxing unit or to the state treasurer, upon request by the local tax collecting unit, that local taxing unit or the state treasurer shall return to the local tax collecting unit an amount erroneously collected or an amount required to be returned by court order in a bankruptcy proceeding filed after December 31, 1999.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 442]**(HB 5725)**

AN ACT to amend 1974 PA 198, entitled “An act to provide for the establishment of plant rehabilitation districts and industrial development districts in local governmental units; to provide for the exemption from certain taxes; to levy and collect a specific tax upon the owners of certain facilities; to impose and provide for the disposition of an administrative fee; to provide for the disposition of the tax; to provide for the obtaining and transferring of an exemption certificate and to prescribe the contents of those certificates; to prescribe the powers and duties of the state tax commission and certain officers of local governmental units; and to provide penalties,” by amending section 13 (MCL 207.563).

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

207.563 Tax applicable to real property as lien; automatic termination of exemption certificate; affidavit.

Sec. 13. (1) The amount of the tax applicable to real property, until paid, shall be a lien upon the real property to which the certificate is applicable. Except as provided in subsection (3), the tax shall become a lien on the property on the date the tax is levied. The appropriate parties may, subject to subsection (3), enforce the lien in the same manner as provided by law for the foreclosure in the circuit courts of mortgage liens upon real property.

(2) On or after the December 31 next following the expiration of 60 days after the service upon the owner of a certificate of nonpayment and the filing of the certificate of nonpayment, if payment has not been made within the intervening 60 days, provided for by subsection (1), the industrial facilities exemption certificate shall automatically be terminated.

(3) The treasurer of a county, township, city, or village may designate the tax day provided in section 2 of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.2, as the date on which industrial facility taxes become a lien on the real or personal property assessed by filing an affidavit in the office of the register of deeds for the county in which the real or personal property is located attesting that 1 or more of the following events have occurred:

(a) The owner or person otherwise assessed has filed a bankruptcy petition under the federal bankruptcy code, title 11 of the United States Code, 11 USC 101 to 1330.

(b) A secured lender has brought an action to foreclose on or to enforce an interest secured by the real or personal property assessed.

(c) For personal property only, the owner, the person otherwise assessed, or other person has liquidated or is attempting to liquidate the personal property assessed.

(d) The real or personal property assessed is subject to receivership under state or federal law.

(e) The owner or person otherwise assessed has assigned the real or personal property assessed for the benefit of his or her creditors.

(f) The real or personal property assessed has been seized or purchased by federal, state, or local authorities.

(g) A judicial action has been commenced that may impair the ability of the taxing authority to collect any tax due in the absence of a lien on the real or personal property assessed.

- (4) The affidavit provided for in subsection (3) shall include all of the following:
- (a) The year for which the industrial facility taxes due were levied.
 - (b) The date on which the industrial facility taxes due were assessed.
 - (c) The name of the owner or person otherwise assessed who is identified in the tax roll.
 - (d) The tax identification number of the real or personal property assessed.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved December 16, 2004.

Filed with Secretary of State December 21, 2004.

[No. 443]

(HB 5726)

AN ACT to amend 1993 PA 331, entitled “An act to provide for the levy and collection of a state education tax; to provide for the distribution of the tax; and to prescribe the duties of certain local officials and state officers,” by amending section 5 (MCL 211.905), as amended by 2002 PA 244.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

211.905 Collection, distribution, return, certification, and disposition of tax.

Sec. 5. (1) Beginning in 1994 through 2002, the tax levied under this act shall be collected and distributed by the local tax collecting unit under the provisions of the general property tax act at the same time as other taxes levied by the local school district for school operating purposes. However, in each year after 1993 if a local school district is not going to levy a tax in that summer but levied a tax in the summer of 1993, and the local tax collecting unit in which the local school district is located is collecting a tax for any taxing unit in that summer, the local tax collecting unit shall collect within that local school district 1/2 of the tax under this act in that summer. The tax levied under this act that is collected by a city shall become a lien against the property on which assessed in the same manner and on the same date as city taxes or, if the city approves the collection of the tax levied under this act on a date other than the date it collects the city taxes, on July 1. The tax levied under this act that is collected with the city taxes shall be subject to the same penalties, interest, and collection charges as city taxes and, except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), shall be returned as delinquent to the county treasurer in the same manner and with the same interest, penalties, and fees as city taxes, except as provided in section 89a of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.89a.

(2) Beginning in 2003, the tax levied under this act shall be collected under the provisions of the general property tax act in a summer levy and shall be distributed as provided in this act. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) and section 5b, the tax levied under this act shall be collected by each city and township.

(3) Notwithstanding the provision of a charter of a county adopted pursuant to 1966 PA 293, MCL 45.501 to 45.521, or the provisions of the charter of a home rule city, to the

contrary, the city treasurer of a city that does not return delinquent real property taxes levied by the city to the county treasurer shall return all uncollected delinquent taxes levied under this act to the county treasurer as provided by the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, on the March 1 immediately following the year in which the taxes are levied. After the delinquent real property taxes are returned to the county treasurer for collection under this section, the provisions of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, apply for the collection of those taxes and for the issuance of notes in anticipation of the collection of the taxes.

(4) Beginning in 2003, if a school district or intermediate school district collects taxes in the summer under section 1613 of the revised school code of 1976, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1613, the school district or intermediate school district shall collect the taxes levied under this act in the summer and shall distribute the taxes collected as provided in this act.

(5) The state treasurer shall certify the levy of the tax under this act pursuant to the general property tax act.

(6) The state treasurer upon receipt shall deposit the collections from the tax into the state treasury to the credit of the state school aid fund. Upon request by the local tax collecting unit, if the local tax collecting unit collects the tax levied under this act, or by the school district or intermediate school district, if the school district or intermediate school district collects the tax levied under this act, the state treasurer shall return to the local tax collecting unit or to the school district or intermediate school district an amount erroneously collected or an amount required to be returned by court order in a bankruptcy proceeding filed after December 31, 1999.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 444]

(HB 6245)

AN ACT to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to provide for the levy of taxes against certain health facilities or agencies; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of

hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to provide for an appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates,” (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 21571.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

333.21571 Rural hospital; eligibility requirements; definition.

Sec. 21571. (1) To be a rural hospital and qualify as an eligible hospital under the federal medicare rural hospital flexibility program, 42 USC 1395i-4, a hospital not located outside of a metropolitan statistical area as defined in 42 USC 1395ww shall be located in a city, village, or township with a population of no more than 12,000 and in a county with a population of no more than 110,000. Population is to be determined according to the official 2000 federal decennial census.

(2) A hospital that is determined to be a rural hospital under this section may be designated by the department as a critical provider to satisfy the eligibility requirements for certification as a critical access hospital.

(3) As used in this section, “rural hospital” means a hospital that is located outside of a metropolitan statistical area as defined in 42 USC 1395ww or that satisfies the criteria established under subsection (1).

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 445]

(HB 4969)

AN ACT to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled “An act to protect the welfare of the people of this state; to provide general assistance, hospitalization, infirmary and medical care to poor or unfortunate persons; to provide for compliance by this state with the social security act; to provide protection, welfare and services to aged persons, dependent children, the blind, and the permanently and totally disabled; to administer programs and services for the prevention and treatment of delinquency, dependency and neglect of children; to create a state department of social services; to prescribe the powers and duties of the department; to provide for the interstate and intercounty transfer of dependents; to create county and district departments of social services; to create within certain county departments, bureaus of social aid and certain divisions and offices thereunder; to prescribe the powers and duties of the departments, bureaus and officers; to provide for appeals in certain cases; to prescribe the powers and duties of the state department with respect to county and district departments; to prescribe certain duties of certain other state departments, officers, and agencies; to make an appropriation; to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act; and to repeal certain

parts of this act on specific dates,” by amending section 57k (MCL 400.57k), as added by 1998 PA 361.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

400.57k Individual development account for postsecondary education, business capitalization, or first-time home purchase.

Sec. 57k. (1) The department shall operate a program allowing an individual eligible for family independence assistance to establish an individual development account for postsecondary education, business capitalization, or a first-time home purchase in accordance with this section. The department shall disregard all savings deposited, including accrued interest, in an individual development account in determining the individual's eligibility for family independence assistance and the amount of the grant the individual receives.

(2) An individual who is eligible to receive family independence assistance, or another person on behalf of that individual, may establish an individual development account for the purpose of accumulating funds for a qualified purpose described in subsection (3). An individual shall only contribute money to the individual development account that is derived from earned income, as that term is defined in section 911(d)(2) of the internal revenue code of 1986. The individual shall withdraw money from the individual development account only for a qualified purpose described in subsection (3).

(3) An individual who has established an individual development account under this section may withdraw and expend funds from the individual development account only for payment toward postsecondary education or business capitalization, or for payment of qualified acquisition costs with respect to a qualified principal residence for a qualified first-time homebuyer, if paid from an individual development account directly to the persons to whom the qualified acquisition costs are due.

(4) As used in this section:

(a) “Date of acquisition” means the date on which a qualified first-time homebuyer enters into a binding contract to acquire, construct, or reconstruct the qualified first-time homebuyer's principal residence.

(b) “Individual development account” means a trust created or organized in the United States that is funded through periodic contributions by the establishing individual in accordance with this section and that may be matched by or through a qualified entity for a qualified purpose described in subsection (3).

(c) “Qualified acquisition costs” means the costs of acquiring, constructing, or reconstructing a qualified principal residence. The term includes any usual or reasonable settlement, financing, or other closing costs.

(d) “Qualified entity” means either of the following:

(i) A not-for-profit organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the internal revenue code of 1986.

(ii) A state or local governmental agency acting in cooperation with an organization described in subparagraph (i).

(e) “Qualified first-time homebuyer” means a taxpayer and, if married, the taxpayer's spouse who has no present ownership interest in a principal residence during the 3-year period ending on the date of acquisition of the qualified principal residence to which this section applies.

(f) “Qualified principal residence” means a principal residence within the meaning of former section 1034 of the internal revenue code of 1986, the qualified acquisition costs of which do not exceed 100% of the average area purchase price applicable to that residence, determined in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 143(e) of the internal revenue code of 1986.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.
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[No. 446]

(HB 6242)

AN ACT to amend 1966 PA 331, entitled “An act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to community colleges; to provide for the creation of community college districts; to provide a charter for such districts; to provide for the government, control and administration of such districts; to provide for the election of a board of trustees; to define the powers and duties of the board of trustees; to provide for the assessment, levy, collection and return of taxes therefor; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 41 (MCL 389.41), as amended by 2000 PA 488.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

389.41 Annexations to community college districts; approval; filing; election to board of trustees.

Sec. 41. (1) The board of trustees by resolution may annex to a community college district any contiguous local school district, contiguous intermediate school district, or contiguous county not already included within a community college district.

(2) The board of trustees shall obtain the approval of the proposed annexation from the superintendent of public instruction. Upon receipt of the approval, the secretary of the board of trustees shall file certified copies of the annexation resolution and the approval with the secretary of the board of education of the local school district to be annexed, the secretary of the intermediate school board of the intermediate school district to be annexed, and the county clerk of the county to be annexed, as applicable.

(3) If a school district that operates grades kindergarten through 12 is annexed to a community college district before July 1, 2004, the school district is entitled to elect a member to the board of trustees of the community college district for a term of 6 years. The first member shall be elected at the regular community college election next succeeding the annexation election.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.
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[No. 447]**(HB 4817)**

AN ACT to amend 1846 RS 65, entitled “Of alienation by deed, and the proof and recording of conveyances, and the canceling of mortgages,” by amending sections 41 and 44 (MCL 565.41 and 565.44).

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

565.41 Discharge of mortgage; payment of filing fee by mortgagee; date of discharge.

Sec. 41. (1) Within the applicable time period in section 44(2) after a mortgage has been paid or otherwise satisfied, the mortgagee or the personal representative, successor, or assign of the mortgagee shall prepare a discharge of the mortgage, file the discharge with the register of deeds for the county where the mortgaged property is located, and pay the fee for recording the discharge.

(2) If a discharge of mortgage received by a register of deeds under subsection (1) is not recorded on the day it is received, the register of deeds shall place on or attach to the discharge, by means of a stamp, electronically, or otherwise, the date the discharge is received. The date placed on or attached to the discharge under this subsection is prima facie evidence of the date the discharge was filed with the register of deeds.

565.44 Discharge of mortgage; refusal; civil liability; penalty; time periods.

Sec. 44. (1) If a mortgagee or the personal representative or assignee of the mortgagee, after full performance of the condition of the mortgage, whether before or after a breach of the mortgage, or, if the mortgage is entirely due, after a tender of the whole amount due, within the applicable time period in subsection (2) after being requested and after tender of the mortgagee’s reasonable charges, refuses or neglects to discharge the mortgage as provided in this chapter or to execute and acknowledge a certificate of discharge or release of the mortgage, the mortgagee is liable to the mortgagor or the mortgagor’s heirs or assigns for \$1,000.00 damages. The mortgagee is also liable for all actual damages caused by the neglect or refusal to the person who performs the condition of the mortgage or makes the tender to the mortgagee or the mortgagee’s heirs or assigns, or to anyone who has an interest in the mortgaged premises. Damages under this section may be recovered in an action for money damages or to procure a discharge or release of the mortgage. The court may, in its discretion, award double costs in an action under this section.

(2) The discharge of mortgage, execution and acknowledgment of a certificate, or filing of a discharge of mortgage required by this section or section 41 shall be performed within whichever of the following time periods is applicable:

(a) For the first 2 years after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection, 75 days.

(b) Beginning 2 years after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection, 60 days.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved December 21, 2004.

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[No. 448]**(HB 6226)**

AN ACT to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “An act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to the organization and jurisdiction of the courts of this state; the powers and duties of such courts, and of the judges and other officers thereof; the forms and attributes of civil claims and actions; the time within which civil actions and proceedings may be brought in said courts; pleading, evidence, practice and procedure in civil and criminal actions and proceedings in said courts; to provide remedies and penalties for the violation of certain provisions of this act; to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 303d (MCL 600.303d), as added by 1993 PA 190.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

600.303d Transition from 3 judicial districts to 4 judicial districts; provisions; offices.

Sec. 303d. (1) To effectuate the transition from 3 districts having a total of 24 judges to 4 districts having a total of 28 judges, the following special provisions apply:

(a) The judgeship in district 1 filled on October 13, 1993 by an incumbent whose term expires January 1, 1995 and who is not eligible to seek reelection shall terminate January 1, 1995 and shall not be filled by election in 1994.

(b) To provide 7 judges in districts 3 and 4:

(i) In district 3, 4 new judgeships shall be filled by election in 1994. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes is elected for a term of 10 years, the candidates receiving the second and third highest number of votes are elected for terms of 8 years each, and the candidate receiving the fourth highest number of votes is elected for a term of 6 years.

(ii) In district 4, 1 new judgeship shall be filled by election in 1994. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes is elected for a term of 6 years.

(2) A judge of the court of appeals who is elected or appointed to a first term that begins on or after January 1, 1994 shall maintain offices only in the principal court of appeals offices in the district in which he or she was elected or in another office located in the city where the principal court of appeals facilities are located.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 449]**(HB 6243)**

AN ACT to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge of certain

substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, and assessments; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 63101 (MCL 324.63101), as amended by 1997 PA 149, and by adding section 63110 and part 632.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

324.63101 Definitions.

Sec. 63101. As used in this part:

(a) “Administratively complete” means an application for a mining permit under this part that is determined by the department to satisfy all of the conditions of this part and rules promulgated under this part.

(b) “Department” means the department of environmental quality.

(c) “Life of the mine” means the period of time from issuance of a permit under this part through the completion of reclamation as required by this part.

(d) “Metallic mineral” means ferrous ore or material mined for its ferrous content.

(e) “Metallic mineral operator” means a person who owns or leases the plant and equipment utilized in a metallic mineral mining area and is engaged in the business of mining metallic minerals or preparing to engage in mining operations for metallic minerals.

(f) “Metallic product” means a commercially salable metallic mineral in its final marketable form or state.

(g) “Mineral” means any substance to be excavated from the natural deposits on or in the earth for commercial, industrial, or construction purposes, including gypsum, limestone, dolostone, sandstone, shale, metallic mineral, or other solid materials. However, mineral does not include clay, gravel, marl, peat, inland sand or sand mined for commercial or industrial purposes, from sand dune areas regulated under part 637, coal regulated under part 635, or nonferrous metallic mineral regulated under part 632.

(h) “Mining area” or “area subjected to mining” means an area of land from which material is removed in connection with the production or extraction of minerals by surface or open pit mining methods, the lands on which material from that mining is deposited, the lands on which beneficiating or treatment plants and auxiliary facilities are located, the lands on which the water reservoirs used in the mining process are located, and auxiliary lands which are used.

(i) “Operator” means a metallic mineral operator or other persons engaged in or preparing to engage in mining operations for the production of mineral products.

(j) “Stockpile” means material, including, but not limited to, surface overburden, rock, or lean ore, which in the process of mineral mining and beneficiation or treatment has been removed from the earth and stored on the surface, but excluding materials that are being treated in the production of mineral products and the mineral product that has been produced by that operation.

(k) “Supervisor of reclamation” means the state geologist.

(l) “Surface or open pit mining” means the mining of more than 10,000 tons of a mineral or disturbing more than 1 acre of land a year in the regular operation of a business by

removing the overburden lying above a natural deposit of a mineral and mining directly from the natural deposit exposed or by mining directly from a deposit lying exposed in the mineral's natural state. Surface or open pit mining includes all mineral mining below the water table or which will upon cessation of mining result in creating a body of water of any size. Surface or open pit mining does not include excavation or grading preliminary to a construction project.

(m) "Tailings basin" means land on which is deposited, by hydraulic or other means, the material that is separated from the mineral product in the beneficiation or treatment of minerals including any surrounding dikes constructed to contain the material.

324.63110 Scope of part.

Sec. 63110. This part does not apply to activities subject to part 632.

PART 632 NONFERROUS METALLIC MINERAL MINING

324.63201 Definitions.

Sec. 63201. As used in this part:

(a) "Administratively complete" means an application for a mining permit under this part that is determined by the department to contain all of the documents and information required under this part and any rules promulgated under this part.

(b) "Affected area" means an area outside of the mining area where the land surface, surface water, groundwater, or air resources are determined through an environmental impact assessment to be potentially affected by mining operations within the proposed mining area.

(c) "Department" means the department of environmental quality.

(d) "Emergency management coordinator" means that term as defined in section 2 of the emergency management act, 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.402.

(e) "Fund" means the nonferrous metallic mineral surveillance fund created in section 63217.

(f) "Metallic product" means a commercially salable mineral produced primarily for its nonferrous metallic mineral content in its final marketable form or state.

(g) "Mining" means the excavation or removal of more than 10,000 tons of earth material a year or disturbing more than 1 acre of land a year in the regular operation of a business for the purpose of extracting a nonferrous metallic mineral or minerals by 1 or both of the following:

(i) Removing the overburden lying above natural deposits of a mineral and excavating directly from the natural deposits thus exposed or by excavating directly from deposits lying exposed in their natural state.

(ii) Excavating from below the surface of the ground by means of shafts, tunnels, or other subsurface openings.

(h) "Mining area" means an area of land from which earth material is removed in connection with nonferrous metallic mineral mining, the lands on which material from that mining is stored or deposited, the lands on which beneficiating or treatment plants and auxiliary facilities are located, the lands on which the water reservoirs used in the

nonferrous metallic mineral mining process are located, and auxiliary lands that are used in connection with the mining.

(i) “Mining permit” means a permit issued under this part for conducting nonferrous metallic mineral mining and reclamation operations.

(j) “Nonferrous metallic mineral” means any ore or material to be excavated from the natural deposits on or in the earth for its metallic content, but not primarily for its iron or iron mineral content, to be used for commercial or industrial purposes.

(k) “Nonferrous metallic mineral operator” or “operator” means a permittee or other person who is engaged in, or who is preparing to engage in, mining operations for nonferrous metallic minerals, whether individually or jointly, or through agents, employees, or contractors.

(l) “Permittee” means a person who holds a mining permit.

(m) “Postclosure monitoring period” means a period following closure of a nonferrous metallic mineral mine during which the permittee is required to conduct monitoring of groundwater and surface water.

(n) “Stockpile” means material, including, but not limited to, surface overburden, rock, or lean ore, that in the process of mining and beneficiation or treatment has been removed from the earth and stored on the surface. Stockpile does not include materials that are being treated in the production of metallic products and the metallic product that has been produced by that operation.

(o) “Tailings basin” means land on which is deposited, by hydraulic or other means, the material that is separated from the metallic product in the beneficiation or treatment of minerals including any surrounding dikes constructed to contain the material.

324.63202 Legislative findings.

Sec. 63202. The legislature finds that:

(a) It is the policy of this state to foster the conservation and development of the state’s natural resources.

(b) Discoveries of nonferrous metallic sulfide deposits have resulted in intensive exploration activities and may lead to the development of 1 or more mines.

(c) Nonferrous metallic sulfide deposits are different from the iron oxide ore deposits currently being mined in Michigan in that the sulfide minerals may react, when exposed to air and water, to form acid rock drainage. If the mineral products and waste materials associated with nonferrous metallic sulfide mining operations are not properly managed and controlled, they can cause significant damage to the environment, impact human health, and degrade the quality of life of the impacted community.

(d) The special concerns surrounding nonferrous metallic mineral mining warrant additional regulatory measures beyond those applied to the current iron mining operations.

(e) Nonferrous metallic mineral mining may be an important contributor to Michigan’s economic vitality. The economic benefits of nonferrous metallic mineral mining shall occur only under conditions that assure that the environment, natural resources, and public health and welfare are adequately protected.

324.63203 Nonferrous metallic mineral mining; administration and enforcement; rules; regulation or control by local units of government.

Sec. 63203. (1) The department shall administer and enforce this part in order to regulate nonferrous metallic mineral mining. In addition to other powers granted to it, the department may promulgate rules it considers necessary to carry out its duties under this part, including standards for construction, operation, closure, postclosure monitoring, reclamation, and remediation of a nonferrous metallic mineral mine. However, the department shall not promulgate any additional rules under this part after December 31, 2005.

(2) The department may do either of the following:

(a) Enter at all reasonable times in or upon a mining area for the purpose of inspecting and investigating conditions relating to the operation of a mining area. However, an investigation or inspection under this subsection shall comply with the United States constitution, the state constitution of 1963, and this section.

(b) Conduct research or enter into contracts related to mining areas and the reclamation of mining areas as may be necessary to implement this part.

(3) Subject to subsections (4) and (5), a local unit of government shall not regulate or control mining or reclamation activities that are subject to this part, including construction, operation, closure, postclosure monitoring, reclamation, and remediation activities, and does not have jurisdiction concerning the issuance of permits for those activities.

(4) A local unit of government may enact, maintain, and enforce ordinances, regulations, or resolutions affecting mining operations if the ordinances, regulations, or resolutions do not duplicate, contradict, or conflict with this part. In addition, a local unit of government may enact, maintain, and enforce ordinances, regulations, or resolutions regulating the hours at which mining operations may take place and routes used by vehicles in connection with mining operations. However, such ordinances, regulations, or resolutions shall be reasonable in accommodating customary nonferrous metallic mineral mining operations.

(5) Subsections (3) and (4) do not prohibit a local unit of government from conducting water quality monitoring.

324.63205 Mining permit; application procedure.

Sec. 63205. (1) A person shall not engage in the mining of nonferrous metallic minerals except as authorized in a mining permit issued by the department.

(2) An application for a mining permit shall be submitted to the department in a format to be developed by the department. The application shall be accompanied by all of the following:

(a) A permit application fee of \$5,000.00. The department shall forward all permit application fees received under this section to the state treasurer for deposit in the fund.

(b) An environmental impact assessment for the proposed mining operation that describes the natural and human-made features, including, but not limited to, flora, fauna, hydrology, geology, and geochemistry, and baseline conditions in the proposed mining area and the affected area that may be impacted by the mining, and the potential impacts on those features from the proposed mining operation. The environmental impact assessment shall define the affected area and shall address feasible and prudent alternatives.

(c) A mining, reclamation, and environmental protection plan for the proposed mining operation, including beneficiation operations, that will reasonably minimize the actual and potential adverse impacts on natural resources, the environment, and public health and safety within the mining area and the affected area. The plan shall address the unique issues associated with nonferrous metallic mining and shall include all of the following:

(i) A description of materials, methods, and techniques that will be utilized.

(ii) Information that demonstrates that all methods, materials, and techniques proposed to be utilized are capable of accomplishing their stated objectives in protecting the environment and public health, except that such information may not be required for methods, materials, and techniques that are widely used in mining or other industries and are generally accepted as effective. The required information may consist of results of actual testing, modeling, documentation by credible independent testing and certification organizations, or documented applications in similar uses and settings.

(iii) Plans and schedules for interim and final reclamation of the mining area following cessation of mining operations.

(iv) A description of the geochemistry of the ore, waste rock, overburden, peripheral rock, and tailings, including characterization of leachability and reactivity.

(v) Provisions for the prevention, control, and monitoring of acid-forming waste products and other waste products from the mining process so as to prevent leaching into groundwater or runoff into surface water.

(d) A contingency plan that includes an assessment of the risk to the environment or public health and safety associated with potential significant incidents or failures and describes the operator's notification and response plans. When the application is submitted to the department, the applicant shall provide a copy of the contingency plan to each emergency management coordinator having jurisdiction over the affected area.

(e) Financial assurance as described in section 63211.

(f) A list of other state and federal permits that are anticipated to be required.

(3) The applicant has the burden of establishing that the terms and conditions set forth in the permit application; mining, reclamation, and environmental protection plan; and environmental impact assessment will result in a mining operation that reasonably minimizes actual or potential adverse impacts on air, water, and other natural resources and meets the requirements of this act.

(4) Effective 14 days after the department receives an application for a mining permit, the application shall be considered to be administratively complete unless the department proceeds as provided under subsection (5).

(5) If, before the expiration of the 14-day period under subsection (4), the department notifies the applicant that the application is not administratively complete, specifying the information necessary to make the application administratively complete, or notifies the applicant that the fee required to accompany the application has not been paid, specifying the amount due, the running of the 14-day period under subsection (4) is tolled until the applicant submits to the department the specified information or fee amount due. The notice shall be given in writing or electronically.

(6) Within 42 days after an application for a mining permit is determined to be administratively complete, the department shall hold a public meeting on the application. The department shall give notice of the public meeting not less than 14 or more than 28 days before the date of the public meeting. The notice shall specify the time and place of the public meeting, which shall be held in the county where the proposed mining operation is located, and shall include information on how to review a copy of the application. The notice

shall be given in writing to the city, village, or township and the county where the proposed mining operation is to be located and to all affected federally recognized Indian tribes in this state. The notice shall also be given by publication in a newspaper of local distribution in the area where the proposed mining operation is to be located.

(7) The department shall accept written public comment on the permit application for 28 days following the public meeting under subsection (6). Within 28 days after the expiration of the public comment period, the department shall reach a proposed decision to grant or deny a mining permit and shall establish a time and place for a public hearing on the proposed decision. The department shall give notice of the public hearing not less than 14 or more than 28 days before the date of the public hearing. The notice shall be given in writing to the city, village, or township and the county where the proposed mining operation is to be located and to all affected federally recognized Indian tribes in this state. The notice shall also be given by publication in a newspaper of local distribution in the area where the proposed mining operation is to be located. The notice shall contain all of the following:

(a) A summary of the permit application.

(b) Information on how to review a complete copy of the application. The application shall be made available at a public location in the area.

(c) A listing of other permits and hearings that are pending or anticipated under this act with respect to the proposed mining operation.

(d) The time and place of the public hearing, which shall be held in the area where the proposed mining operation is located.

(8) The department shall accept written public comment on the proposed decision to grant or deny a mining permit for 28 days following the public hearing. At the expiration of the public comment period, the department shall issue a report summarizing all comments received and providing the department's response to the comments.

(9) Within 28 days after the expiration of the public comment period under subsection (8), the department shall grant or deny the mining permit application in writing. A determination that an application is administratively complete does not preclude the department from requiring additional information from the applicant. The 28-day period under this subsection shall be tolled until such time as the applicant submits the requested information. If a mining permit is denied, the reasons shall be stated in a written report to the applicant.

(10) A mining permit shall not be issued or transferred to a person if the department has determined that person to be in violation of this part, rules promulgated under this part, the permit, or an order of the department under this part, unless the person has corrected the violation or the person has agreed in writing to correct the violation pursuant to a compliance schedule approved by the department.

(11) Subject to subsection (10), the department shall approve a mining permit if it determines both of the following:

(a) The permit application meets the requirements of this part.

(b) The proposed mining operation will not pollute, impair, or destroy the air, water, or other natural resources or the public trust in those resources, in accordance with part 17 of this act. In making this determination, the department shall take into account the extent to which other permit determinations afford protection to natural resources. For the purposes of this subsection, excavation and removal of nonferrous metallic minerals and of associated overburden and waste rock, in and of itself, does not constitute pollution, impairment, or destruction of those natural resources.

(12) The department shall deny a mining permit if it determines the requirements of subsection (11) have not been met.

(13) Terms and conditions that are set forth in the permit application and the mining, reclamation, and environmental protection plan and that are approved by the department shall be incorporated in and become a part of the mining permit.

(14) A mining permit is not effective until all other permits required under this act for the proposed mining operation are obtained.

(15) If a person submits an application for a mining permit and 1 or more other permits under this act with respect to a particular mining operation, the department may process the applications in a coordinated fashion to the extent feasible given procedural requirements applicable to individual permits. The coordinated permit process may include consolidating public hearings under this part with public hearings required under other parts of this act. Any notice of a consolidated public hearing shall state clearly which permits are to be considered at the public hearing. An applicant may waive any required timelines under subsections (4) to (9) to facilitate the coordination.

324.63207 Mining permit; duration; termination; revocation; transfer; amendment.

Sec. 63207. (1) A mining permit issued by the department shall remain in effect until terminated or revoked by the department.

(2) The department may terminate a mining permit under 1 or more of the following conditions:

(a) The permittee has not commenced construction of plant facilities or conducted actual mining activities covered by the mining permit within 2 years after the effective date of the mining permit.

(b) The permittee has completed final reclamation of the mining area and requests the termination of the mining permit and the department determines all of the following:

(i) The mining operation has not polluted, impaired, or destroyed the air, water, or other natural resources or the public trust in those resources by activities conducted within the scope of the permit.

(ii) The permittee has otherwise fulfilled all conditions determined to be necessary by the department to protect the public health, safety, and welfare and the environment.

(iii) The requirements for the postclosure monitoring period have been satisfied.

(3) The department may revoke a mining permit pursuant to section 63221.

(4) A mining permit may be transferred to a new operator with approval of the department after public notice as follows:

(a) The person acquiring the mining permit shall submit to the department on forms provided by the department a request for transfer of the mining permit and shall provide the financial assurance required under section 63211.

(b) The person acquiring the mining permit shall accept the conditions of the existing mining permit and adhere to the requirements set forth in this part.

(c) If the permittee is determined by the department to be in violation of this part or the rules promulgated under this part at the mining site involved in the transfer, then the mining permit shall not be transferred to a person until the permittee has completed the necessary corrective actions or the person acquiring the mining permit has entered into a written consent agreement to correct all of the violations.

(5) Pending the transfer of an existing mining permit under subsection (4), the proposed transferee shall not operate the mine.

(6) A mining permit may be amended as follows:

(a) The permittee may submit to the department a request to amend the mining permit to address anticipated changes in the mining operation, including, if applicable, amendments to the environmental impact assessment and to the mining, reclamation, and environmental protection plan.

(b) The department may require a mining permit to be amended if the department determines that the terms and conditions of the mining permit are not providing the intended reasonable protection of the environment, natural resources, or public health and safety.

(c) Within 30 days after receiving a request to amend a mining permit, or upon a determination by the department that an amendment is necessary, the department shall determine within 30 days whether the request constitutes a significant change from the conditions of the approved mining permit. If the department determines that the request is a significant change from the conditions of the approved mining permit, the department may submit the request for amendment to the same review process as provided for a new permit application in section 63205(4) to (9). If a request to amend the mining permit is denied, the reasons for denial shall be stated in a written report to the permittee. If the department determines that the request for amendment does not constitute a significant change from the conditions of the approved mining permit, the department shall provide written notice of the determination to the city, village, or township and the county where the proposed mining operation is to be located and to all affected federally recognized Indian tribes in this state. The department shall also give notice of the determination by publication in a newspaper of local distribution in the area where the proposed mining operation is to be located. The department shall approve the amendment within 14 days after publication of the notice and shall notify the permittee of the approval.

324.63209 Duties of permittee.

Sec. 63209. (1) A permittee shall comply with all other applicable permit standards under this act.

(2) A permittee shall conduct reclamation activities at a mining area in accordance with the approved mining, reclamation, and environmental protection plan.

(3) If mining operations are suspended for a continuous period exceeding 90 days, the permittee shall take actions to maintain, monitor, and secure the mining area and shall conduct any interim sloping or stabilizing of surfaces necessary to protect the environment, natural resources, or public health and safety in accordance with the permit.

(4) Subject to subsection (5), a permittee shall begin final reclamation of a mining area within 3 years of the date of cessation of mining operations and shall complete reclamation within the time set forth in the mining, reclamation, and environmental protection plan approved by the department.

(5) Upon written request of a permittee, the department may approve an extension of time to begin or complete final reclamation.

(6) A permittee shall conduct groundwater and surface water monitoring in accordance with the provisions of the permit during mining operations and during the postclosure monitoring period. The postclosure monitoring period shall be 20 years following cessation of mining, subject to the following conditions:

(a) The permittee shall provide to the department a written request to terminate the postclosure monitoring not less than 18 months before the proposed termination date and

shall provide the department with technical data and information demonstrating the basis for the termination. The department shall extend the postclosure monitoring period in increments of up to 20 years unless the department determines, approximately 1 year before the end of a postclosure monitoring period or postclosure incremental monitoring period, that there is no significant potential for water contamination resulting from the mining operation.

(b) The department may shorten the postclosure monitoring period at any time upon determining that there is no significant potential for water contamination resulting from the mining operation.

(7) The department may extend or shorten the postclosure monitoring period under subsection (6) only after public notice and opportunity for a public hearing under section 63219(2).

(8) Both the mining area and the affected area shall be reclaimed and remediated to achieve a self-sustaining ecosystem appropriate for the region that does not require perpetual care following closure and with the goal that the affected area shall be returned to the ecological conditions that approximate premining conditions subject to changes caused by nonmining activities or other natural events. Any portion of the mining area owned by the applicant may be used for any legal purposes.

(9) Compliance with the provisions of this part does not relieve a person of the obligation to comply with all other applicable tribal, state, federal, or local statutes, regulations, or ordinances.

324.63211 Financial assurance.

Sec. 63211. (1) An operator shall maintain financial assurance during mining operations until the department determines that all reclamation has been completed and for a postclosure monitoring period as determined under section 63209(6) and (7), except that financial assurance shall be released immediately upon termination of a mining permit under section 63207(2)(a).

(2) The financial assurance required under subsection (1) shall apply to all mining and reclamation operations subject to the mining permit and be sufficient to cover the cost to administer, and to hire a third party to implement, reclamation under the mining, reclamation, and environmental protection plan as well as necessary environmental protection measures, including remediation of any contamination of the air, surface water, or groundwater that is in violation of the mining permit. The financial assurance shall consist of a conformance bond, escrow, cash, certificate of deposit, irrevocable letter of credit, or other equivalent security, or any combination thereof, covering at least 75% of the total required amount. Financial assurance for the balance of the required total amount, if any, shall consist of a statement of financial responsibility.

(3) Every 3 years, or as the department considers necessary, a permittee shall update the statement of financial responsibility required under subsection (2) and shall adjust the conformance bond, escrow, cash, certificate of deposit, irrevocable letter of credit, or other security, as applicable, to assure that the financial assurance is sufficient for the purposes of subsection (2).

(4) The financial assurance mechanism required by this section may be satisfied in whole or in part by financial assurance provisions required by other parts of this act if those provisions address the remediation activities required under this part.

(5) Failure to provide financial assurance under this section constitutes grounds for the department to order immediate suspension of activities at a mining operation, including the removal of metallic product from the site, pursuant to section 63221.

324.63213 Mining and reclamation report.

Sec. 63213. (1) A permittee shall file with the department a mining and reclamation report on or before March 15 of each year, during the period the mine is operating and during the postclosure monitoring period. The mining and reclamation report shall contain all of the following:

(a) A description of the status of mining and reclamation operations.

(b) An update of the contingency plan. The permittee shall provide a copy of the update to the emergency management coordinator.

(c) A report of monitoring results for the preceding calendar year.

(d) A report of the total tons of material mined from the mining area, and the amount of metallic product by weight, produced from the nonferrous metallic mineral mine for the preceding calendar year.

(e) A list of the reports required under subsection (2) for the preceding calendar year.

(2) A permittee shall promptly notify the department and each emergency management coordinator having jurisdiction over the affected area of any incident, act of nature, or exceedance of a permit standard or condition at a mining operation that has created, or may create, a threat to the environment, natural resources, or public health and safety.

(3) Records upon which the mining and reclamation reports are based shall be preserved by the permittee for 3 years and made available to the department upon request.

(4) Records upon which incident reports under subsection (2) are based shall be preserved by the permittee for 3 years or until the end of the postclosure monitoring period, whichever is later.

324.63215 Surveillance fee.

Sec. 63215. (1) For purposes of surveillance, monitoring, administration, and enforcement of this part, the department shall assess a permittee a nonferrous metallic mineral surveillance fee of not more than 5 cents per ton of material mined from the mining area as reported under section 63213(1)(d), but not less than \$5,000.00, for each calendar year the mine is in operation and during the postclosure monitoring period. Surveillance fees collected under this section shall be forwarded to the state treasurer for deposit in the nonferrous metallic mineral surveillance fund created in section 63217. The surveillance fee rate shall be calculated each year as follows:

(a) The department shall determine the total tons of material mined from mining areas in this state in the prior calendar year.

(b) The department shall calculate the adjusted appropriation by deducting any unexpended money in the fund at the close of the prior fiscal year from the amount appropriated for the current fiscal year for surveillance, monitoring, administration, and enforcement of this part.

(c) The fee rate shall be the ratio, to the nearest 1/100 of 1%, of the adjusted appropriation to the total tons of material mined.

(2) The nonferrous metallic mineral surveillance fee described in subsection (1) is due by 30 days after the department sends written notice to the permittee of the amount due.

(3) A penalty equal to 10% of the amount due, or \$1,000.00, whichever is greater, shall be assessed against the permittee for a metallic mineral surveillance fee that is not paid when due. The department may file an action in the circuit court for Ingham county to collect the unpaid fee and penalty. The unpaid fee and penalty shall constitute a debt and become the basis of a judgment against the permittee.