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House Bill 5100 (as passed by the House) Sponsor: Representative Ken Sikkema

House Committee: Commerce

Senate Committee: Financial Services

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## CONTENT

The bill would amend the Business Corporation Act to specify that a loan issued by a corporation to an officer or employee of the corporation or one of its subsidiaries, for the officer or employee to purchase shares of the corporation or a subsidiary, could be made at any rate of interest not exceeding the rate allowed under Public Act 259 of 1968. (That Act provides that a person is guilty of criminal usury when he or she knowingly charges, takes, or receives interest at a rate exceeding 25% annually.)

Currently, since the Business Corporation Act does not specify a maximum rate of interest, loans made by a corporation to its officers or employees cannot exceed 7% annually, the maximum interest rate otherwise allowed under the general usury Act (MCL 438.31).

MCL 450.1548 Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

Fiscal Analyst: M. Barsch

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