HOUSE BILL No. 5072

September 20, 2001, Introduced by Rep. Minore and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

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A bill to amend 1975 PA 228, entitled "Single business tax act,"
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by amending section 31 (MCL 208.31), as amended by 1999 PA 115.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 31. (1) Except as provided in subsections (5) and (6),
- 2 there is levied and imposed a specific tax upon the adjusted tax
- 3 base of every person with business activity in this state that is
- 4 allocated or apportioned to this state at the following rates for
- 5 the specified periods:
- 6 (a) Before October 1, 1994, 2.35%.
- 7 (b) After September 30, 1994 and before January 1, 1999,
- 8 2.30%.

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- **9** (c) Beginning January 1, 1999 and each January 1 after 1999,
- 10 the rate under this subsection shall be reduced as provided in
- 11 subsection (5).

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- 1 (2) As used in this section, "adjusted tax base" means the
- 2 tax base allocated or apportioned to this state pursuant to chap-
- 3 ter 3 with the adjustments prescribed by sections 23 and 23b and
- 4 the exemptions prescribed by section 35. If the adjusted tax
- 5 base exceeds 50% of the sum of gross receipts plus the adjust-
- 6 ments provided in section 23b(a) to (g), apportioned or allocated
- 7 to Michigan with the apportionment fraction calculated pursuant
- 8 to chapter 3, the adjusted tax base may, at the option of the
- 9 taxpayer, be reduced by that excess. If a taxpayer reduces the
- 10 adjusted tax base under this subsection, the taxpayer is not
- 11 entitled to the adjustment provided in subsection (4) for the
- 12 same taxable year. This subsection does not apply to an adjusted
- 13 tax base under section 22a.
- 14 (3) The tax levied under this section and imposed is upon
- 15 the privilege of doing business and not upon income.
- 16 (4) In lieu of the reduction provided in subsection (2), a
- 17 person may elect to reduce the adjusted tax base by the percen-
- 18 tage that the compensation divided by the tax base exceeds 63%.
- 19 The deduction shall not exceed 37% of the adjusted tax base. For
- 20 purposes of computing the deduction allowed by this subsection,
- 21 as effective for the respective tax year, compensation does not
- 22 include amounts of compensation exempt from tax under section
- 23 35(1)(e). This subsection does not apply to an adjusted tax base
- 24 under section 22a.
- 25 (5) If the comprehensive annual financial report of this
- 26 state for a state fiscal year, published pursuant to section 494
- 27 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1494,

- 1 reports an ending balance of more than \$250,000,000.00 FOR A
- 2 STATE FISCAL YEAR THAT ENDS BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2001 OR
- 3 \$750,000,000.00 FOR A STATE FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS AFTER
- 4 SEPTEMBER 30, 2001 in the countercyclical budget and economic
- 5 stabilization fund created under section 351 of the management
- 6 and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1351, for that state fiscal
- 7 year, the tax rate under this section shall be reduced by 0.1
- 8 percentage point on the January 1 following the end of the state
- 9 fiscal year for which the report was issued.
- 10 (6) The department shall annualize the rate under this sec-
- 11 tion as necessary, and the applicable annualized rate shall be
- 12 imposed.