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GROCERY/CONVENIENCE										
ALCOHOL	SB 82	Alcohol multi-licenses: Would allow an entity to hold both on and off premises licenses simultaneously for both liquor and beer and wine.	Referred to Senate Reg Reform							
	HB 4213	Alcohol serving hours: Would allow a city, township or village to vote to allow sales of alcohol at on premise locations between 2:00-4:00 a.m.	Referred to House Reg Reform						Monitoring	
	HB 4019	Clerk age to sell alcohol: Would allow a 17-year old to sell or serve alcohol. Current law only allows individuals over age 18 to sell or serve alcoholic beverages.	Referred to House Reg Reform							
	HB 4112	Pregnancy and alcohol warning sign: Would update a required poster retailers selling alcohol must post warning of the potential problems of drinking alcohol during pregnancy.	Amended and reported by House Reg Reform on 2/26/19 & House Ways and Means on 3/5/19	Passed House 100-10 on 3/12/19	Referred to Senate Reg. Reform				Neutral	MRA secured an amendment to the bill ensuring the posting would be placed on a sign already required to be posted. The bill seems unlikely to move in the Senate.
	HB 4518	Prorated liquor license fees: Legislation to prorate on a quarterly basis the current license fees to make or sell alcohol.	Referred to House Reg Reform						Monitoring	
TOBACCO	SB 58	Cigar tax cap: Would eliminate the current Oct. 31, 2021 sunset capping cigar taxes at no more than 50 cents per individual cigar.	Hearing 4/18/19 in Senate Finance							Reintroduction of legislation from last term vetoed by Gov. Snyder.
	HB 4017	E-cigarette sales to minors: Would ban sales of e-cigarettes and vapor products to individuals under the age of 18 and includes a requirement for online or remote sales to verify age using an independent, third-party age verification service.	Referred to House Reg Reform						Monitoring	Only HB 4164, SB 106 and SB 155 appear to be moving.
	HB 4164	E-cigarette sales to minors: Would ban sales of e-cigarettes and vapor products to individuals under the age of 18. Would increase the penalties for sales to minors or tobacco or vapor products from \$50 per violation to \$100 for a first offense, \$500 for a second offense, and \$2,500 for a third or subsequent offense.	Amended and reported by House Reg Reform on 3/19/19. Hearing in House Judiciary on 4/16/19							The bills received push back from the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, and American Lung Society who all want vapor products to be classified as tobacco.
	SB 106	E-cigarette sales to minors: Would ban sales of e-cigarettes and vapor products to minors. It would also increase the penalties for selling to \$100 for a first offense, up to \$500 for a second offense and up to \$2,500 for a third or subsequent offense. Minors would be prohibited from purchasing, possessing or using vapor products and would be subject to a \$50 civil fine per incident. For a third violation a minor would receive a misdemeanor and be required to participate in a health and risk assessment program.	Amended and reported by Senate Reg. Reform on 3/20/19	Passed Senate 38-0 on 4/23/19	Reported by House Judiciary on 4/30/19					The bills received push back from the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, and American Lung Society who all want vapor products to be classified as tobacco.
	HB 4461	E-cigarette/cigarette usage by minors: A bill to increase the penalties when minors are caught using or possessing cigarettes, tobacco products, or e-cigarette/vapor products.	Referred to House Reg Reform						Monitoring	
	HB 4188	E-cigarette and vapor product taxes: A bill to tax e-cigarettes and vapor products the same as tobacco products. It would add these products to the definition of "smokeless tobacco" beginning Oct. 1, 2019.	Referred to House Reg Reform						Under review	Only HB 4164, SB 106 and SB 155 appear to be moving.
	SB 155	Liquid nicotine sales: Would require liquid nicotine containers be sold in child-resistant packaging and require retailers sell these and other vapor products behind the counter. Violating the packaging requirements is a \$50 civil fine and violation of selling the products not behind the counter would be a \$500 civil fine.	Reported by Senate Reg. Reform on 3/20/19	Passed Senate 38-0 on 4/23/19	Reported by House Judiciary on 4/30/19					
	HB 4039	Tobacco 21: Would prohibit the sale of tobacco products or paraphernalia to individuals under the age of 21.	Referred to House Reg Reform						Monitoring	
	HB 4040-4041	Tobacco vending machines: Would ban tobacco vending machines as of July 1, 2019.	Referred to House Reg Reform						Monitoring	
	OTHER	HB 4500	Repeal statewide preemption on plastic bag ordinances: Legislation that seeks to repeal legislation MRA supported prohibiting local ordinances banning or taxing plastic bags.	Referred to House Local Government						

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HUMAN RESOURCES										
BENEFITS	SB 233		\$16 minimum wage: Seeks to create a \$16 minimum wage for individuals with five years relevant experience and a high school diploma.	Referred to Senate Govt. Operations						It is highly improbable that this bill will move, especially given the committee it was referred to.
	HR 25 & SR 16		Min. wage and paid leave change legality: The Michigan legislature passed resolutions asking the Michigan Supreme Court to weigh in on the legality of adopting then amending initiated laws raising the minimum wage and creating medical leave benefits.	NA	House approved HR 25 and Senate approved SR 16 on 2/20/19	NA	NA	NA		This was done in response to a state senator's request for an attorney general opinion on the matter. If the AG weighed in unfavorably, it was expected the matter would end up in court.
	HB 4299		Minimum wage increase: The legislation seeks to restore the timing of the \$12 minimum wage increase prescribed by a ballot proposal last year was introduced as HB 4299.	Referred to House Govt. Operations						It is highly improbable that this bill will move, especially given the committee it was referred to.
	HB 4425		Parental leave: A bill to require employers provide paid parental leave for employees to attend school-related events.	Referred to House Commerce & Tourism					Monitoring	
HIRING PROCESS	HB 4117		Credit history info in hiring process: Would ban the use of credit history in the hiring process unless the employer is a bank, public accounting firm, casino or insurance companies that offer certain insurance products. The legislation would allow an individual to bring a civil suit to obtain damages or relief.	Referred to House Reg Reform					Monitoring	
	HB 4326		Criminal history: Legislation to make it illegal for an employer to request information related an arrest, criminal accusation or criminal convictions of a job applicant before making a conditional offer of employment.	Referred to House Commerce					Monitoring	The bill creates a new act but is unlikely to see legislative action.
	HB 4058		Felony arrest info in hiring process: Would prohibit an employer other than a police agency from requesting, making or maintaining a record of a job applicant's felony arrest or detention. Current law only extends this protection to misdemeanor offenses.	Referred to House Judiciary					Monitoring	
	HB 4262		Homeschool children work permits: Would allow a parent or legal guardian to issue a child who is educated at home via homeschool or other similar arrangement a work permit.	Referred to House Education					No position	
OTHER	SB 162		Emergency responder work absences: Would allow an employee to be absent from work without fear of punishment if the employee is an emergency responder and the absence was due to an emergency.	Referred to Senate Econ. Dev.					Monitoring	
PHARMACY										
SUBSTANCES	SB 20-21		Controlled substance delivery causing death: Legislation to ensure violations of controlled substances causing death that violate the Public Health Code are prosecuted locally.	Referred to Senate Judiciary					Monitoring	
	HB 4217 & SB 248		E-prescribing: Would require all prescriptions be sent electronically to the pharmacy directly by the prescriber.	Referred to House/Senate Health Policy						*MRA PRIORITY*
	SB 254		E-prescribing for certain drugs: Would require prescriptions for opioids and benzodiazepines be sent electronically to the pharmacy directly by the prescriber.	Referred to Senate Health Policy						MRA prefers HB 4217 & SB 248 but can support SB 254 since it includes similar language.
DRUG COST	HB 4154		Manufacturer drug cost transparency: Would require drug manufacturers to file an annual report detailing their expenses related to producing drugs that cost \$10,000 or more for an annual course of treatment.	Referred to House Health Policy					Monitoring	
	HB 4155		PBM regulation: Would add new regulations on Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs).	Referred to House Health Policy					No position	
	HB 4412		Dextromethorphan sales to minors: Would limit the sale or purchase of cold products that contain dextromethorphan to minors. Dextromethorphan is typically found in cough syrups. The bill contains penalties for intentionally selling to minors ranging from a warning letter for a first offense to a civil fine of \$100 for a third or subsequent offense. Under the bill, minors who attempt to purchase these products could receive a \$50 civil fine.	Hearing in House Health Policy on 5/2/19					Support with reasonable time to implement.	The committee plans to adopt a Jan. 1, 2020 implementation date.

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OTHER	HB 4293	Maintenance drug refills: A bill that would ensure patients can receive refills of maintenance medications towards the end of the calendar year.	Referred to House Health Policy						Monitoring	
	HB 4043	Prescription discount cards: The bill would prohibit the sale of prescription discount cards unless they meet a number of new standards. The legislation seeks to clarify that prescription discount card programs are not insurance programs, and it requires a number of disclaimers about the program to consumers.	Referred to House Health Policy						Under review	MRA has a meeting scheduled with the bill sponsor to determine what problem the legislation seeks to address.
	SB 170	Pseudoephedrine limits: Legislation to lower the current allowable monthly limit of pseudoephedrine an individual can purchase from 9 grams to 7.2 grams as well as setting a 61.2-gram annual limit.	Referred to Senate Health Policy							
REGULATIONS										
SALES	HB 4035	Dog breed bans: Bipartisan legislation that would prohibit a local ordinance, policy, resolution or rule that limits the possession of certain dogs based on breed or perceived breed.	Referred to House Local Government							
	HB 4126-4127	Marijuana warning label: Would require health warning labels on products containing marijuana that are sold in Michigan. The warning labels would be required on both medical and recreational marijuana products.	Referred to House Judiciary						Monitoring	
	HB 4020	Stun guns: Legislation that would allow the purchase and possession of stun guns by individuals over age 21. It would only not apply to a launchable device like the tasers police officers use.	Referred to House Judiciary						Monitoring	
	HB 4205	Tanning ban for minors: Would prohibit minors from being able to use tanning facilities. Each violation would carry a \$150 fine for the owner of the tanning business.	Referred to House Reg Reform						Monitoring	
TECH	HB 4249	9-1-1 phone systems: Legislation to modify a requirement that any business over 7,000 square feet with a multiline phone system to install special equipment that can direct 9-1-1 services to the specific location in the building or series of buildings.	Amended and reported by House Communications & Tech on 5/1/19. Referred to House Ways & Means						Neutral	The House committee adopted an H-2 substitute that removes future rulemaking authority, reduces the penalties, allows buildings under 20,000 square feet to comply only when they next upgrade the phone system and doesn't allow penalties to kick in until Jan. 1, 2021.
	SB 129	Drone limits: Legislation to allow a local unit of government to regulate drone use. The bill is mainly focused on Mackinac Island and the unique challenges drones present to the car-free island that is powered by horse-drawn carriages.	Amended and reported by Senate Transportation on 3/21/19	Passed Senate 38-0 on 4/24/19	Hearing scheduled in House Transportation on 5/7/19					
	HB 4300	Drone investigations: Would prohibit the use of drones for natural resources investigations without the property owner's consent.	Referred to House Communications & Technology						Monitoring	
	HB 4173, 4308-4312, and 4323	Internet gaming: Legalizes online gaming/gambling. The state claims these bills will cause a \$30 million loss in iLottery revenue that goes to the State's School Aid Fund.	Reported by House Reg Reform on 3/19/19. Hearing in House Ways & Means on 5/2/19						Monitoring	The bills were approved by the legislature last term but vetoed by outgoing Governor Rick Snyder.
	HB 4186-4187	Data breach notification: The bills would require businesses who have a data breach directly notify customers of that breach within 45 days after confirmation of a breach. It also details the investigation process a business must use to determine if a breach occurred.	Reported by House Financial Services on 3/13/19. Referred to House Ways and Means							MRA testified before the House Financial Services Committee on amendments retailers need added to the bill in order to be supportive. We believe the Ways and Means Committee will make the changes MRA is seeking on the legislation. There is no urgency to bring up the bills – the earliest will probably be end of April.
	HB 4564	Energy savings: Legislation that would require utility companies provide customers with information on programs that would save them money. The bill would also restrict usage and sale of the customer's energy usage data collected by the utility.	Referred to House Energy						Monitoring	

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	HB 4386	Repeal no stricter than federal provision: Seeks to repeal a law passed last year prohibiting rules stricter than federal standards.	Referred to House Oversight							It is highly unlikely the legislature will overturn a law it recently approved.
	HB 4458	State rulemaking: Legislation that would automatically rescind rules made by state agencies after seven years unless required by federal law or if the legislature passed a resolution continuing the rule.	Referred to House Reg Reform						Monitoring	
	HB 4046	Zoning prohibiting vacation rentals: Legislation to clarify that zoning regulations cannot specifically apply to residential short-term rentals, like vacation rentals by the owner.	Referred to House Local Government						No position	
TAXES										
SALES TAX	HB 4165-4166	Feminine hygiene products: Legislation that would exempt feminine hygiene products from the state's sales and use taxes.	Referred to House Tax Policy						Monitoring	
	SB 123-124	Feminine hygiene products: Legislation that would exempt feminine hygiene products from the state's sales and use taxes.	Referred to Senate Finance						Monitoring	
	HB 4513-4514	Firearm safety devices: These two bills would exempt firearm safety devices from the state's sales and use taxes.	Referred to House Tax Policy						Monitoring	
	HB 4540-4543	Wayfair codification & marketplace facilitators: This is a four bill package that would codify the <i>Wayfair v. South Dakota</i> case allowing states to require sales tax collection for businesses selling over \$100,000 in sales or 200 or more separate transactions annually. It will also ensure that third party sales that occur on marketplaces like Amazon, eBay, and Etsy include sales tax.	Referred to House Tax Policy							*MRA PRIORITY* We've been told the bills may come up for a hearing on May 22.
PROPERTY TAX	SB 163	PPT broadband equipment exemption: The bill would exempt broadband equipment from the Personal Property Tax.	Referred to Senate Finance						Monitoring	
	HB 4214-4215	PPT exemption threshold increase: Legislation to increase the exemption threshold from the Personal Property Tax filings for small businesses from \$80,000 in commercial personal property to \$100,000 in personal property.	Referred to House Tax Policy							MRA supports the legislation but wonders if it goes far enough in addressing the challenges of the commercial personal property tax.
	HB 4025 HB 4047 SB 26 SB 39	Property tax increases: Four bills seek to increase property taxes by increasing the cost and length of time it takes to appeal property valuations. The bills would also effectively eliminate using sales of comparable properties to value property, thereby relying on the much more expensive cost approach and increasing property taxes.	Referred to House Local Government / Senate Finance							MRA has strongly opposed past legislation and has already shared our concerns with legislators about this dangerous approach.
	HB 4030	Special assessment districts: Would allow a local unit of government to spread the cost of improvements across a special assessment district on a pro rata frontage basis or any other equitable manner.	Referred to House Local Government						Monitoring	
INCOME TAX	HB 4182	Child care credit: Legislation that would create a new tax credit for businesses that offer child care to workers.	Referred to House Tax Policy						Monitoring	Similar legislation was introduced last session but did not move.
	HB 4089	City income taxes: Would prohibit cities from assessing non-residents with an income tax. Currently 23 cities in Michigan have income taxes, all of which have a resident and non-resident rate.	Referred to House Local Government						Monitoring	
	HB 4180	Unemployed workers credit: A bill that would create a new tax credit for hiring unemployed workers. Similar legislation was introduced last year but did not move.	Referred to House Tax Policy						Monitoring	Similar legislation was introduced last session but did not move.

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SB 235		Entertainment tax: Legislation that would create a new 10 percent excise tax on the admission charge for entertainment events for things like museums, zoos, professional sporting events, concerts, amusement parks, botanical gardens, and other cultural events.	Referred to Senate Finance						Monitoring	This bill is highly unlikely to move. The bill would exempt K-12 school events, collegiate athletic events and events sponsored by a nonprofit or charitable organization. Funds would go towards police and firefighter's retirement benefits in the community where the event occurred.
OTHER										
TOURISM										
	SR 12		Alcohol on rivers: A resolution that seeks to overturn a USDA Forest Service order banning alcohol consumption on or within 200 feet of the shores of certain Northern Michigan rivers (the National Wild and Scenic River sections of the AuSable, Manistee, and Pine rivers).	Referred to Senate Natural Resources						MRA members have expressed concerns about the impact this will have on nearby stores. USDA has agreed to delay implementation until at least 2020, giving us more time to work on overturning the order.
	HB 4303		Daylight Savings Time: A bill that would end Michigan's participation in Daylight Savings Time.	Referred to House Commerce					Monitoring	Similar bills attracted a lot of discussion last session but little movement.
	HB 4101		DDA board makeup: Legislation to allow the designee of a municipal CEO to sit on the board instead of the CEO him or herself.	Reported by House Local Govt & House Ways and Means	Passed House 108-0 on 3/5/19	Referred to Senate Econ. Dev.			Neutral	
	HB 4368-4369		Post-labor day school start: A bill to eliminate restrictions on the start of the school year. Retailers have opposed such legislation since it puts additional pressure on staffing and tourism.	Hearing in House Education on 4/9/19						HB 4368 is sponsored by the chair of the House Education Committee, an indication of likely movement.
	HB 4046		Prevent bans of short term rentals: The bill would prevent a local unit of government from claiming a short-term rental is a commercial use of property and thereby prohibited by zoning requirements.	Hearing in House Local Govt on 5/1/19					Monitoring	
HB 4544-4563		Short-term rentals: The bills would require the state to set up a registry of short-term rental owners, require certification that the owner has at least \$1 million in liability insurance and require payment of all taxes and assessments owed for the preceding tax year. If the owner does not meet these requirements, they will be banned from offering the property as a short term rental.	Referred to House Commerce						Monitoring	
OTHER										
	SB 288		Distracted driving: The bill would only allow use of hands-free devices while driving. It would also add one-to-two points on an individual's driving record for repeated distracted driving offenses, which are defined as holding or using a portable electronic device.	Referred to Senate Judiciary					Monitoring	
	HB 4181, 4198-4199		Texting while driving: Several bipartisan bills that would increase penalties on drivers who send texts or other messages while driving. Texting while driving is already illegal and drivers can receive both that penalty and distracted driving charges which carries a larger fine and impact on one's driving record.	House Transportation Hearing on 4-30-19					Monitoring	
HR 81		Trade agreement: This resolution, if adopted, would urge Congress to speedily approve the recently negotiated Mexico-Canada Agreement.	Reported by House Government Operations on 5/1/19	House approved on 5/1/19	NA	NA	NA	NA	Monitoring	

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