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GROCERY/CONVENIENCE										
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 on-premise alcohol sales 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 4959-4961		Distributor residency requirements: Legislation to codify the changes needed following the U.S. Supreme Court ruling striking down residency requirements in order to be an alcohol distributor.	Amended and reported by House Reg Reform to House Ways & Means on 10/3/19	Passed House 101-8 on 10/10/19	Reported by Sen. Reg. Reform on 10/29/19	Passed Senate 36-0 on 11/6/19	Signed by the governor on 11/21/19	P.A. 125-127 of 2019, took effect on 11/21/19	Neutral	
HB 5268		Eliminate cap on amount on-premises licensee can buy from retailers: Legislation to eliminate the current 9 liter per month limit of spirits that bars and restaurants can purchase from a retailer rather than the state.	Referred to House Reg Reform						Neutral	
SB 508		On and off-premises licenses: Legislation to allow for a licensee to hold both an on-premises and off-premises license to sell beer, wine and spirits. This is currently prohibited by law.	Referred to Sen. Reg Reform							
SB 296		Population quota limits: Legislation to remove the current population quotas on the number of liquor licenses allowed in communities.	Referred to Senate 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	
SB 588		Refunds of spirits sold to special licensees: Legislation to allow retailers that sell spirits to accept refunds of products sold to special licensees (like festivals) of the price originally sold less any credit card transaction fees.	Reported by Sen. Reg. Reform on 10/29/19						Monitoring	
SB 349		Small distiller commission sales: Legislation to create a qualified small distiller program for small distillers using 40 percent or more Michigan grown-products to make alcohol. The legislation would require a lower gross profit be returned to the commission (32.5 percent vs the traditional 51-65 percent for other liquor products).	Reported by Sen. Reg Reform on 10/15/19						Monitoring	
HB 4622		Special license liquor return: Legislation to allow special license holders for fairs and festival events to return unused liquor to SDD retailers, IF the retailer choose to allow returns.	Reported by House Reg Reform on 6/18/19. Referred to House Ways & Means						Neutral	
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	After SB 106 & 155 were signed into law, this bill is most likely dead.



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TOBACCO	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							After SB 106 & 155 were signed into law, this bill is most likely dead.
	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	Passed House 100-9 on 5/15/19	Signed by the governor on 6/4/19	P.A. 18 of 2019 takes effect on 9/2/19		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	After SB 106 & 155 were signed into law, this bill is most likely dead.
	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						Monitoring	After SB 106 & 155 were signed into law, this bill is most likely dead.
	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	Passed House 99-10 on 5/15/19	Signed by the governor on 6/4/19	P.A. 17 of 2019 takes effect on 9/2/19		
	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 5306 / SB 701	Bottle deposit expansion: A bill to expand Michigan's 10-cent bottle deposit law to all non-milk beverage containers. The bill would also require retailers take back all beverage container brands and would modify the reimbursement formula.	Referred to House/Senate Reg Reform							
	SB 174	Cage-free egg standard delay: Legislation that makes various changes to the animal industry act also includes a change to push back the requirement all eggs sold in Michigan be considered cage-free. The requirement is supposed to go into effect April 1, 2020 and would be moved back to Dec. 31 2024 at the industry's request.	Amended and reported by Sen. Agriculture on 10/17/19	Passed Senate 21-17 on 10/24/19	Reported by House Agriculture on 10/30/19 and House Ways & Means on 11/6/19	Passed House 74-36 on 11/6/19	Signed by the governor on 11/21/19	P.A. 132 of 2019 takes effect on 2/19/20		The cage-free requirement is effective for sales after Dec. 31, 2024.
	SR 72	Family Meals Month: A resolution to recognize September 2019 as Family Meals Month in Michigan.	NA	Senate approved SR 72 on 9/10/19	NA	NA	NA	NA		MRA requested this resolution.
	HB 4947	Lab-grown meat labeling: Legislation to prohibit labeling lab-grown meat substitutes as "meat."	Referred to House Agriculture						Monitoring	Ironically the bill uses the term "lab-grown meat substitute" to define the products that cannot be labeled as meat.
	HB 5257	Photo ID on food assistance cards: Legislation to require a recipients digital photo image and signature to appear on food assistance cards issued by the State of Michigan.	Referred to House Families, Children and Seniors						Monitoring	Similar legislation has been introduced in the past and had not moved. There are concerns about stigma of photos on benefit cards and practical issues with multiple family users.
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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HR 204		WIC bottled water approval: A resolution to urge Congress to enact legislation making bottled water a WIC-eligible item.	Referred to House Families, Children & Seniors						Monitoring	
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.
	HB 5034	Duty-free meal period: Would ensure employees are receiving a 30-minute duty-free meal period if they work five or more hours. The meal period can be paid or unpaid.	Referred to House Commerce						Monitoring	
	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	NA	House approved HR 25 and Senate approved SR 16	NA	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
	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 5036 & SB 542	Overtime pay: Would raise the standard salary level to exempt employees from overtime pay higher than the recently finalized Dept. of Labor rule. These bills would increase the threshold each year until reaching \$1,057/week (\$54,964 annual salary) in 2024. That would then go up each year by the annual percentage increase in wage growth.	Referred to House Commerce / Senate Government Operations							
	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	
	HB 4629-4640 & SB 328-339	Pay equity: House and Senate bill packages that seek to address equal pay for men and women.	Referred to House Commerce & Tourism						Monitoring	
	HB 4868 - 4879	Payroll fraud: A package of bills that would increase criminal penalties for payroll fraud, prohibit policies on non-disclosure of wages and non-compete agreements, allow anonymous complaints of employment misclassification, and punish employers for falsely classifying an employee as an independent contractor.	Referred to House Commerce & Tourism						Under careful review	The bills follow Attorney General Dana Nessel's efforts to combat payroll fraud. Nessel launched a Payroll Fraud Enforcement Unit in April.
	SB 453	Unemployment benefit increase: Legislation that would increase the number of weeks an individual can receive unemployment benefits to the pre-2012 level of 26 weeks (currently 20 weeks is the cap).	Referred to Senate Gov't Operations						Monitoring	
	HB 4894 - 4903	Unemployment benefit rights: A package of bills that would increase the number of weeks an individual can receive unemployment benefits to the pre-2012 level of 26 weeks. The package also allows action against false fraud claims, prevent state UIA data breaches, increase deficient payment amounts, and grants greater rights to claimants who were impacted by the 2013-2015 UIA computer errors.	Referred to House Commerce & Tourism						Monitoring	
HB 4623	Wage theft: Legislation that would dramatically increase the penalties and restitution owed by employers who have committed wage theft.	Referred to House Commerce & Tourism							This is unlikely to move and would increase the penalties already set in statute by an unreasonable amount.	
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		

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HIRING PROCESS	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 & Tourism						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	HB 5155-5156 & SB 604-605	Domestic violence victims: Bills that would require employers to allow domestic violence victims to use paid medical leave time and to quit jobs but still receive unemployment benefits.	Referred to House Judiciary/Senate Gov't Operations						Monitoring	
	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	
	SB 593 & HB 5193	Gender identity discrimination: Legislation that would extend civil rights protections to transgendered individuals.	Referred to Senate/House Gov't Operations						Monitoring	
	HB 5033 & HB 5035	Mass layoffs and closings: Legislation to require an employer to pay one week's pay (based on gross earnings) for every one year an employee has worked for the company as well as notification to the state ahead of closings and mass layoffs for employers with more than 100 employees.	Referred to House Commerce							
	HB 4811	Natural hair discrimination: Legislation that would follow California's model to prohibit workforce discrimination against natural hair styles including braids, locks and twists.	Referred to House Gov't Operations						Monitoring	
	HB 5023	Restrictive scheduling: Legislation that would require employers to schedule employees at least 14 days in advance and pay 1.5 times their normal pay if that schedule changes. Employers would also have to keep scheduling records for seven years.	Referred to House Commerce							
	HB 4986-4987	Vaccines as a condition of employment: Legislation that would prohibit requiring vaccines for tetanus-diphtheria or influenza as a condition of employment.	Referred to House Commerce & Tourism						Monitoring	
PHARMACY										
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES	SB 526	Benzodiazepines as controlled substances: Legislation to classify benzodiazepines (psychoactive drugs used to primarily treat anxiety) as Schedule 1 controlled substances.	Referred to Senate Health Policy						Monitoring	
	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.	Hearing in Sen. Judiciary on 6/4/19						Monitoring	This would bring Michigan in line with surrounding states, allowing the prosecution to happen where the event occurred.
	HB 4217	E-prescribing: Would require all prescriptions be sent electronically to the pharmacy directly by the prescriber.	Amended and reported by House Health Policy on 9/5/19 and House Ways & Means on 12/4/19	Passed House 105-3 on 12/11/19	Referred to Sen. Health Policy					*MRA PRIORITY*
	SB 248 & SB 254	E-prescribing: Would require all prescriptions be sent electronically to the pharmacy directly by the prescriber.	Amended and reported by Sen. Health Policy on 6/13/19	Passed Senate 38-0 on 12/11/19	Referred to House Health Policy					*MRA PRIORITY* SB 254 was substituted to match the language in SB 248 and they are moving as companion bills.

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SB 200		Opioid antagonists: Allows pharmacists to dispense opioid antagonists like naloxone to public libraries.	Amended and reported by Sen. Health Policy on 5/14/19	Passed Senate 38-0 on 5/22/19	Reported by House Gov't Operations on 6/4/19	Passed House 109-0 on 6/13/19	Signed by the governor on 6/26/19	P.A. 36 of 2019 takes effect on 9/24/19	No position	
DRUG COST	HB 5108-5109	Drug price constraints: Legislation to prohibit excessive prices being charged by drug manufacturers and require notice for any price increase in the wholesale acquisition cost (WAC) of drugs that exceed \$40 for course of treatment.	Referred to House Health Policy						Under review	
	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	
OTHER	HB 4412	Dextromethorphan sales to minors: Would limit the sale or purchase of cold products that contain dextromethorphan to minors (under 18). 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.	Amended and reported by House Health Policy on 5/16/19 & House Ways and Means on 5/21/19	Passed House 104-5 on 5/24/19	Amended and reported by Sen. Health Policy on 10/3/19	Passed Senate 37-0 on 10/30/19	Signed by the governor on 11/14/19	P.A. 123 of 2019 takes effect on 7/1/20		The Senate committee pushed back the implementation date to July 1, 2020 and revised the penalties to mirror pseudoephedrine violations.
	HB 4978 & SB 525 & HB 5107	Drug importation from Canada: Creates a new act to allow for the wholesale importation of prescription drugs from Canada. The creation of this program hinges on the approval by the federal government.	Referred to Senate Health Policy, House Health Policy hearing on 12/5/19						Under review	
	SB 417	First responder access to epi-pens: Legislation to allow pharmacists to dispense epinephrine to first responders like firefighters and law enforcement officers.	Referred to Senate Health Policy						Monitoring	
	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.	Reported by Senate Health Policy on 10/15/19						Neutral	While MRA does not support the bills, the limits are acceptable to allow for realistic use by families without a prescription.
	SB 599	Pseudoephedrine limits: Legislation to lower the current allowable monthly limit of pseudoephedrine an individual can purchase from 9 grams to 7.2 grams. This bill updates the reference in a second section of the public health code and is tie-barred to SB 170.	Referred to Senate Health Policy						Neutral	While MRA does not support the bills, the limits are acceptable to allow for realistic use by families without a prescription.
	SB 340	Telepharmacy: Legislation to allow telepharmacies to operate in Michigan.	Amended and reported by Sen. Health Policy on 6/13/19	Passed Senate 32-6 on 9/5/19	Amended and reported by House Health Policy on 10/31/19 and House Ways & Means on 12/4/19	Passed House 98-10 on 12/11/19	E Enrolled on 1/8/20			The bills currently include a 10-mile radius between a telepharmacy and other pharmacies. MRA prefers no radius and opposes expansion of the radius.




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REGULATIONS										
HB 5190		3-D printed guns: Would prohibit retailers from selling 3-D printed guns or 3-D printed gun parts.	Referred to House Judiciary						Monitoring	
HB 5005		Allow local bans on sales of sky lanterns: Legislation to allow local ordinances regulating the sale and use of sky lanterns.	Referred to House Reg Reform						Monitoring	
SB 310		Cash sales: Would prohibit retailers from refusing to accept cash for any sale. Doing so would be a violation of the Consumer Protection Act.	Referred to Sen. Reg Reform						Monitoring with concerns	Many retailers have a minimum sale requirement for purchases with credit due to high credit card fees.
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 5005		Firearm background checks: A bill to require a federal national instant criminal background check be performed by a federally licensed firearms dealer not more than 5 days before an individual can legally purchase a firearm other than a pistol in Michigan.	Referred to Sen. Gov't Operations						Monitoring	Based on the bill's referral, it is unlikely to move.
HB 5300		Flame breaks for fireworks stores: Legislation that seeks to codify draft rules prescribing the use of flame breaks in retail stores that sell consumer fireworks.	Referred to House Gov't Operations						Monitoring	
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.	Amended and reported by House Judiciary on 8/27/19	Passed House 105-4 on 9/10/19	Amended and reported by Senate Judiciary on 12/11/19				Monitoring	
HB 4819		Microbeads: Legislation to prohibit the manufacture or sale of products containing plastic microbeads	Referred to House Natural Resources						Monitoring	
HB 4580		Money orders: Would require the posting the fees for money orders and money transfer services in 36-point font.	Referred to House Reg Reform							MRA has opposed this legislation in the past and will continue to do so.
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	
HB 5159-5161		Vitamin E Acetate: Would prohibit the sale of vaping products or medical or recreational marijuana products laced with Vitamin E Acetate.	Reported by House Reg Reform on 12/10/19, House Judiciary hearing on 1/14/20						Neutral	
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 & House Ways and Means on 5/21/19	Passed House 106-3 on 5/24/19	Reported by Sen. Energy & Tech on 6/5/19	Passed Senate 36-2 on 6/12/19	Signed by the governor on 6/25/19	P.A. 30 of 2019 took effect on 6/25/19	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 543		Bio technology to verify age: Legislation that would allow a business to use thumbprints or other bio markers to verify a customer's age before making a purchase. The legislation specifically grants an affirmative defense that a retailer has done their due diligence to verify age if they choose to use the technology.	Amended and reported by Sen. Reg Reform on 10/15/19	Passed Senate 27-8 on 12/4/19	Referred to House Reg. Reform				Neutral	

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TECH	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	Amended and reported by House Transportation on 6/4/19, & House Ways & Means on 6/12/19	Passed House 95-12 on 6/12/19	Signed by the governor on 6/25/19	P.A. 32 of 2019 took effect on 6/25/19		
	HB 4852	Drones prohibit local rules: Would prohibit local regulations of drones that are more stringent than state law.	Referred to House Communications & Technology							
	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, 4307, 4308, 4310-4312, 4323, and 4916-4918	Internet gaming/sports betting: Legalizes online gaming/gambling and sports betting in casinos. 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 and by Ways & Means on 10/29/19	Passed House on 10/30/19	Amended and reported by Senate Reg. Reform on 12/11/19	Passed Senate on 12/11/19	Signed by the governor on 12/20/19	P.A. 148-159 of 2019 took effect on 12/20/19	Neutral	It's expected that sports betting will begin in March around the NCAA March Madness basketball tournament.
PRIVACY	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. Reported by House Ways on 12/10/19							MRA testified before the House Financial Services Committee on amendments retailers need added to the bill in order to be supportive.
	HB 4658	Drivers license scans: Legislation to prohibit businesses from scanning a state-issued ID like a driver's license unless it is to verify identity for a return or non-cash payment, to verify age when selling age-restricted items, prevent fraudulent returns, check services, or a federally-authorized purpose. If a business does scan a state-issued ID it must not retain that information in its systems.	Referred to House Commerce & Tourism						Under review	
	SB 652-655	Identity theft/data breach contract requirements: Legislation that would put a requirement in statute that businesses accepting credit card payments follow their contracts with the card brands in regards to data breach notification timelines.	Referred to Sen. Insurance							We think having state law interfere with contracts is redundant and unnecessary.
ENVIRONMENT	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	
	HB 5006	Polystyrene ban: Bills to prohibit the sale, distribution and use of polystyrene food packaging.	Referred to House Natural Resources							
	HB 4719	Sales/use of tar sealants: Would prohibit the use or sale of coal tar sealants or other petroleum or fuel-based sealants that contain polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs).	Referred to House Transportation						Monitoring	
HEALTH	SB 388	Free birth control coverage: Would require health insurance plans offered to Michigan residents include coverage of birth control medications and procedures without a copay. The bill includes an exemption from the requirement for churches.	Referred to Sen. Insurance						Monitoring	
	HB 4451	Prescription eye drop coverage: The bill would prevent an insurer from denying coverage for refill prescription eyedrops. Eyedrops administered at home can be spilled or accidentally wasted and may require early refills which have been denied in some cases.	Amended & reported by House Health Policy & House Ways and Means on 6/4/19	Passed House 105-4 on 6/19/19	Referred to Sen. Health Policy				Monitoring	



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INSURANCE	SB 570-573	Surprise medical billing: Legislation that would end the practice of surprise medical bills from out-of-network providers. The bills would require the nonparticipating provider to either disclose the out-of-network status and get the patient's prior approval. If it was not disclosed and approved, the out-of-network provider would be limited in how much they can charge.	Hearing in Senate Insurance & Banking Committee on 10/30/19 & 11/6/19							Senate version
	HB 4459, 4460, 4990, 4991	Surprise medical billing: Legislation that would end the practice of surprise medical bills from out-of-network providers. The bills would require the nonparticipating provider to either disclose the out-of-network status and get the patient's prior approval. If it was not disclosed and approved, the out-of-network provider would be limited in how much they can charge.	Amended and reported by House Health Policy on 11/7/19, referred to House Ways & Means							House version
OTHER	HB 4699	Blight fine liens: Bipartisan legislation to allow a local unit of government to put liens on other properties owned by a common owner of a blighted property that is not paying assessed fines.	Referred to House Local Government						Under review	
	HB 4516-4517	Disabled parking signs: Legislation that would update the design of disabled access signs (parking signs etc.) to include the new international symbol of access and require businesses to use the new design when replacing signs. The new design would replace handicapped signs, must not use the term handicapped, and must include instruction such as "reserved."	Amended and reported by House Health Policy on 10/3/19 & House Ways and Means on 10/3/19	Passed House 108-0 on 10/10/19	Referred to Sen. Health Policy				Monitoring	The legislation could potentially create a situation where entities would have to post two versions of the signs to comply with both state and federal standards or run the risk of litigation if the new design isn't approved by the federal government.
	HB 5019	Prohibit state rules banning vaping products: A bill that seeks to prohibit the state from implementing rules banning the sale or manufacture of flavored vaping products that contain less than 2% nicotine.	Hearing in House Reg Reform on 10/22/19						Monitoring	This comes in response to the emergency rule prohibiting the sale of flavored vaping products.
	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 4835 - 4838	Small business liaisons: A package of bills to create a small business economic development growth acceleration board, small business director and liaisons to various state agencies.	House Commerce & Tourism hearing on 10/17/19						Under review	
	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	
	SB 613	Tippling policy posting: Legislation to require employers to post notice of their employee tipping policies in public view.	Referred to Sen. Gov't Operations						Monitoring	
TAXES										
SALES TAX	HB 4824 - 4825	Back-to-school sales tax holiday: Legislation that would create a one-day sales tax holiday on the third Saturday of August each year. Eligible items would include clothes valued at \$100 or less, computers under \$1,000, and computer accessories valued under \$500.	Referred to House Tax Policy							
	HB 4880 - 4881	Clothing sales tax holiday: Legislation that would create a week-long, clothing sales tax holiday the second week of August each year. Eligible items would include clothes valued at \$100 or less, protective equipment used in a trade/business environment and sports or recreational equipment designed to be worn.	Referred to House Tax Policy							
	HB 4165-4166	Feminine hygiene products: Legislation that would exempt feminine hygiene products from the state's sales and use taxes.	Hearing in House Tax Policy on 10/2/19						Neutral	
	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	

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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.	Amended and reported by House Tax Policy on 6/19/19 and House Ways and Means on 10/8/19	Passed House 110-0 on 10/10/19	Reported by Senate Finance on 11/13/19	Passed Senate 36-0 on 12/4/19	Signed by the governor on 6/25/19	P.A. 143-146 take effect on 1/1/20		*MRA PRIORITY* Once presented, the governor has two weeks to sign or veto the bills. We expect her to sign them.
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	
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 4781		Corporate income tax increase: A bill that would increase the corporate income tax rate 2.5 percentage points to 8.5%. Revenue would be used to pay for infrastructure improvements.	Referred to House Tax Policy							The bill is tie-barred to other road-funding bills as part of democrats road funding package.
HB 5252		Flint City income tax: Legislation that would allow the City of Flint to increase it's city income tax rate from 1% t to 1.5% on residents and 0.75% on non residents. It would also allow the city to charge the higher 1.5% income tax to corporations located in the city.	Referred to House Local Govt							The language in the bill is based on population counted in the last federal census (100,000 - 110,000) and recent estimates put the city of Flint below that number. This could be a temporary tax increase.
SB 607		National Guard/reserve employee credit: Legislation that would give employers up to \$5,000 income tax credit for hiring unemployed national guard members or a member of the reserve forces of the United States and employing them for at least one year.	Referred to Sen. Finance						Monitoring	
HB 4582 & SB 315		Teacher supplies credit: Legislation to allow teachers to deduct up to \$1,000 in school supplies from their annual income tax returns.	Referred to House Tax Policy/ Senate Finance							Similar legislation has been introduced in the past and had not moved but it could encourage greater spending on school supplies.
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.
HB 5233		Unemployed veterans credit: A bill that would create a new tax credit for hiring unemployed veterans for full time positions.	Referred to House Tax Policy						Monitoring	
HB 5095		Ammunition tax: A bill that proposes a 10% excise tax be added to all sales of ammunition in the state. The tax would be collected similar to sales/use taxes. Revenue would be used for crime victims rights.	Referred to House Tax Policy						Monitoring	

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OTHER	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.
	HB 5255	Fuel tax decrease: A bill to lower the gas tax on both gasoline and diesel fuel by 10 cents/gallon to 16.3 cents per gallon. This would be lower than the pre-2017 tax rate.	Referred to House Transportation						Under review	
	HB 4963-4964	Local fuel taxes and registration fees: Bills that would allow local governments to set local fuel taxes and local vehicle registration fees.	Referred to House Tax Policy						Monitoring with concerns	Allowing local fuel taxes could make tax collection more challenging for retailers and create competitive disadvantages.
	HB 4691-4692	Storm water/rain tax: Legislation that would allow local units of government to set up a storm water management utility to address water runoff and snow melt by assessing utility fees proportionate to the property size and its contribution to water runoff.	Hearing in House Reg. Reform on 10/29/19						Monitoring	One of the bills is sponsored by the chair of the committee so these are likely to see movement.
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 & Tourism						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 on 2/26/19	Passed House 108-0 on 3/5/19	Reported by Senate Econ. Dev. On 4/30/19	Passed Senate 36-0 on 6/12/19	Signed by the governor on 6/25/19	P.A. 29 of 2019 took effect on 6/25/19	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.	Reported by House Education on 5/7/19 Referred to Ways & Means							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	
	SB 306	Principal shopping district assessment areas: Legislation to include residential real property located in a Principal Shopping District (PSD) in special assessments that benefit the PSD and those properties.	Reported by Senate Econ. Dev. on 6/6/19							This is a reintroduction of HB 5325 that the legislature approved last term but was vetoed by Gov. Snyder.
	HB 5307	Road construction business loss reimbursement program: A bill to create a reimbursement program for businesses that lose revenue due to an expected street closure or construction project that extended beyond its scheduled end date. Reimbursements would be up to \$15,000 annually.	Referred to House Commerce and Tourism						Under review	
	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.	Amended and reported by House Commerce & Tourism on 6/6/19						Monitoring	

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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.	Hearing in House Local Government on 5/1/19						No position	
HR 175		Buy Nearby Weekend: A resolution declaring Oct. 4-6 as Buy Nearby Weekend in Michigan.	NA	House approved on 10/3/19	NA	NA	NA	NA		
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 4688 & SB 351		Discrimination based on sexual orientation/gender identity: Bills to add sexual orientation and gender identity as protected classes to the state's civil rights act.	Referred to House & Senate Gov't Operations						Monitoring	
SB 347		Driving while impaired: A bill to make driving with five or more nanograms of marijuana in the body a crime.	Referred to Senate Judiciary						Monitoring	
HB 4980-4985		Expungement of certain crimes: Would allow automatic expungement of non-assaultive crimes, serious misdemeanors or other offenses punishable by 10 or more years imprisonment from an individual's record. The bills would expunge up to 2 felonies and 4 misdemeanors if more than 10 years has passed since the completion of time served, parole, and restitution was paid etc.	Amended and reported by House Judiciary on 10/29/19	Passed House on 11/5/19	Referred to Senate Judiciary				 Support with changes added	Several groups are requesting changes to ensure expungement only happens automatically if the individual hasn't been convicted of a subsequent felony or misdemeanor offense. ORC and retail fraud would be automatically expunged after 10 years since the statutory max sentence is 5 years in prison.
HJR P		Legislature approval of initiated petitions: A joint resolution that seeks to amend Michigan's Constitution to prohibit the legislature from approving citizen laws (initiated petitions) without a vote of the people.	Referred to House Gov't Operations						Monitoring	This would prevent the legislature from adopting and amending citizen-initiated laws with a simple majority vote.
HB 5199		Micro-business grants/loans: A bill to create a microenterprise development organization to make loans or grants for Michigan-based businesses with five or fewer employees.	Referred to House Commerce and Tourism						Monitoring	
HB 4946		Organized Retail Crime as racketeering: A bill to include Organized Retail Crime under the state's Racketeering statute.	Referred to House Judiciary							
HJR H		Term limits: A joint resolution to amend the Michigan Constitution to allow legislators to serve up to 14 years in either the House or Senate.	Referred to House Gov't Operations							If approved by the legislature, the question would go before the people on the next general election ballot.
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.	Reported and amended by House Transportation on 5/1/19 and House Ways & Means on 12/5/19	HB 4181 Passed House 87-21 on 12/11/19	HB 4181 was referred to Senate Transportation				Monitoring	Only HB 4181 was approved by the House. HB 4198-4199 remain on the House floor.
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	
HB 4915		Tree owner liability: Legislation creating a new act that holds property owners responsible for the damage trees cause to adjacent properties. The owner would still have liability even if the tree damage is caused by an act of God.	Hearing in House Local Government on 10/16/19						Monitoring	

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