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GROCERY/CONVENIENCE										
HB 4115		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.	Reported by House Reg. Reform on 3/2/21	Passed House 61-47 on 3/18/21	Referred to Senate Reg. Reform				Monitoring	
HB 4232		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 4561		Food establishment license fee refund: A bill to provide for the refund of certain food establishment license fees if there was a 25% or more reduction in revenue during any quarter of the preceding licensing year.	Referred to House Reg. Reform						Monitoring	
HB 4557		Liquor license renewal fees: Legislation that would waive certain renewal fees for 2021.	Referred to House Reg. Reform						Monitoring	
ALCOHOL SB 141-144		Mixed spirit drinks and shipments: A bill package to allow distilleries to directly ship mixed drinks to retailers by treating canned cocktails like wine. It would also change the definitions of direct shippers and "qualified retailer" to one that is open to the public for face-to-face sales, holds a retail food establishment license or extended retail food establishment license and makes at least 25% of its annual sales in person (this would not apply to retailers under 15,000 square feet).	Amended and reported by Senate Reg. Reform on 3/24/21	Passed Senate 34-1 on 3/25/21	Reported by House Reg. Reform on 4/20/21				Monitoring	
HB 4255		Pregnancy and alcohol sales: A bill that would allow a retailer to refuse to sell or serve alcohol to a customer if the person discloses that she is pregnant.	Referred to House Reg. Reform						Monitoring	
SB 125		Prorated liquor license fees: Legislation to prorate license fees for businesses with club licenses who were closed due to executive order.	Reported by Senate Reg. Reform on 3/16/21	Passed Senate 35-0 on 3/24/21	Referred to House Reg. Reform				Monitoring	
HB 4710		Prorated liquor license fees: Legislation to prorate on a quarterly basis the current liquor license fees to make or sell alcohol.	Referred to House Reg. Reform						Monitoring	
HB 4485		Cigar tax cap: Would eliminate the current Oct. 31, 2021 sunset capping cigar taxes at no more than 50 cents per individual cigar.	Reported by House Tax Policy on 4/14/21							Introduced by the chair of the House Tax Policy Committee.

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HB 4114		Cigarette tax: Would reduce the current cigarette taxes by half.	Referred to House Tax Policy						Monitoring	Introduced by the chair of the House Tax Policy Committee.
HB 4287		E-cigarette and vapor product taxes: A bill to tax e-cigarettes and vapor products the same as tobacco products. It would add a new definition of "alternative nicotine product" beginning Jan. 1, 2022 and would only apply to the consumable product.	Referred to House Reg. Reform						Monitoring	
HB 4427		Minors in possession: A bill to increase (by double) the penalties for minors in possession of tobacco or attempting to purchase tobacco products to \$100 for a first civil infraction offense (up from \$50) and the court could mandate community service hours. A secondary offense would be a misdemeanor punishable by up to \$200 fine or up to 30 days in jail.	Hearing in House Reg. Reform on 4/20/21						Monitoring	
HB 4249-4251		Vitamin E Acetate: Would prohibit the sale of vaping products or medical or recreational marijuana products laced with Vitamin E Acetate.	Amended and reported by House Reg. Reform on 3/23/21, referred to House Rules &						Neutral	
HB 4331 & SB 167		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							
HB 4443-4444		Bottle deposit fund distributor reimbursement: A bill to create a new credit against the unclaimed deposits that are returned to the state to reimburse distributors \$0.005 per container sold during the tax year. This reimbursement would happen first from unclaimed deposits then the remaining 75% would go to EGLE for environmental cleanups and 25% would be distributed to retailers.	Amended and reported by House Reg. Reform on 3/16/21	Passed House 88-20 on 4/27/21					Neutral with amendments	Amendments were added to HB 4444 to hold the first \$50M in the escheats fund harmless and adds in a sunset after FY 2021. MRA is now neutral since it will ensure retailers' portion of the unclaimed escheats will not be impacted.
SB 178		Bottle deposit over-redeemer fund: A bill to modify the payment timing to allow for quarterly payments vs. annual reconciliation to distributors and manufacturers who originate the deposit on containers both as under and over-redeemers.	Reported by Senate Natural Resources on 3/3/21	Passed Senate 35-0 on 3/10/21	Referred to House Reg. Reform				No position	The timing of these payments does not impact retailers.

TOBACCO/VAPING

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OTHER	HB 4514	Dogs on patios: Legislation to allow dogs to be present in outdoor seating areas at restaurants.	Referred to House Commerce						No position	
	HCR 1	Frontline worker recognition: A resolution to recognize frontline workers for their contributions during the COVID-19 pandemic. The resolution specifically recognized food processing employees, grocery store employees, truck and delivery drivers among others.	NA	House adopted on 2/11/21	NA	Senate adopted on 2/11/21	NA	NA		
	SB 229-230, SB 353-354	License waiver/discount extension: A multi bill package to waive food establishment licensing fees and late fees for the May 1, 2021-April 30, 2022 license year and to extend the liquor license 23% discount on uniform prices for on-premises licensees through July 31, 2023.	SB 230, 353-354 amended and reported by Senate Reg. Reform on 4/27/21						Monitoring	The license fee waiver appears it would extend to grocery stores as currently written.
	SB 358	Plastic bag preemption repeal: Legislation that would repeal the current preemption of local ordinances banning or taxing plastic bags and other containers.	Referred to Senate Environmental Quality							
	HR 36 & SR 18	Supermarket Employee Day: A resolution to recognize February 22, 2021 as Supermarket Employee Day in Michigan.	NA	House/Senate adopted on 2/18/21	NA	NA	NA	NA		MRA requested this resolution.
HUMAN RESOURCES										
OTHER	HB 4413	\$15 minimum wage: Seeks to create a \$15 minimum wage phased in over five years to be implemented by Jan. 1, 2026 and then index it to inflation beginning in Jan. 2027.	Referred to House Commerce							
	HB 4177	Paid leave: Legislation that seeks to revert to the 2018 ballot language on paid leave that was adopted and amended by the legislature.	Referred to House Commerce							
	HB 4677	Paid medical leave expansion: A bill to expand paid medical leave benefits for victims or witnesses of certain acts or crimes; and expands definition of family member.	Referred to House Rules						Under review	
	HB 4578-4587 / SB 322-327, 330, 332	Pay equity: House and Senate bill packages that seek to address equal pay for men and women.	Referred to House Workforce/ Senate Econ. Dev.						Monitoring	

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BENEFITS	HB 4334-4342	Unemployment benefits: This nine-bill package would expand and increase unemployment benefits from 20 to 26 weeks, increase the maximum benefit amount from \$362 to \$593, make contractors and low-wage school employees eligible for benefits, remove restrictions on seasonal workers and also remove the requirement to seek work during a state of emergency for anyone high risk, quarantined, sick, or caring for others.	Referred to House Commerce							
	SB 168-176	Unemployment benefits: This nine-bill package would expand and increase unemployment benefits from 20 to 26 weeks, increase the maximum benefit amount from \$362 to \$593, make contractors and low-wage school employees eligible for benefits, remove restrictions on seasonal workers and also remove the requirement to seek work during a state of emergency for anyone high risk, quarantined, sick, or caring for others.	Referred to Senate Econ. Dev.							
	HB 4434-4440	Unemployment fraud: Legislation that seeks to change the administrative process for determining unemployment fraudulent claims and the appeals process that would be more lenient on those who received fraudulent benefits.	Referred to House Commerce							
	HB 4565	Unemployment insurance: Would allow certain contributing employers (with under 50 employees) to pay unemployment taxes and contributions quarterly under certain circumstances. Currently only those with 25 or fewer qualify.	Referred to House Tax Policy							
	HB 4505-4509	Unemployment conditions: A package of bills that strikes certain conditions to qualify for unemployment like work absences without notice, conditions for leaving work for a medical reason. It would include tips in the wage determination and decrease earnings requirements and require annual reporting to the legislature.	Referred to House Gov. Operations							
	HB 4441	Tax exemption for UI benefits: Legislation to exempt unemployment benefits from the state's individual income tax act.	Referred to House Workforce						Monitoring	
	HB 4083	Criminal history: Legislation to make it illegal for an employer to request information related to an arrest, criminal accusation or criminal convictions of a job applicant before offering employment.	Referred to House Commerce						Monitoring	

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HIRING PROCESS	HB 4063		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	
	SB 329		Job applicant past compensation: A bill that expands prohibited employment discrimination practices to include asking a job applicant about past compensation	Referred to Senate Econ. Dev.						Monitoring	
	SB 328		Written job descriptions: Legislation that would require companies with more than five employees to prepare and provide job applicants with a written job description.	Referred to Senate Econ. Dev.						Monitoring	
COVID	SB 162-165		Employee workplace protections: A four-bill package to double the penalties for MIOSHA workplace violations, prohibit retaliation against employees who raise safety concerns or stay home to quarantine, stay home when sick or to care for others during COVID-19 and to require employers post a list of all COVID testing sites located in the county somewhere conspicuous.	Referred to Senate Econ. Dev.							
	SB 161		Essential worker presumption of liability: Legislation that would amend the worker's compensation presumption that essential workers who suffered an injury or illness during a state of emergency were exposed via work. Would be retroactive to March 10, 2020.	Referred to Senate Econ. Dev.							
	HB 4329-4330		MIOSHA safety standards: Would limit MIOSHA emergency safety standards and rules to only be issued for 30 days unless extended by resolution of the legislature.	Referred to House Gov. Operations						Monitoring	
	HB 4008		Vaccination exemptions: Would create an exemption in statute for persons who do not want to receive a vaccine due to a pandemic for religious or health reasons or if parents object to a minor receiving the vaccine.	Referred to House Health Policy						Monitoring	
	HB 4381		Civil rights investigation anonymity: A bill to allow employees participating in investigations of potential civil rights violations to remain anonymous.	Referred to House Judiciary						No position	
	HB 4577 / SB 333		Garnishment: Legislation to revise the written notice period to an employee to one pay period or 10 business days, whichever is greater, before a garnishment is made.	Referred to House Commerce						Monitoring	
	HB 4297 / SB 208		Gender identity discrimination: Legislation that would extend civil rights protections to transgendered individuals.	Referred to House Judiciary / Senate Gov. Operations						 M g	

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SB 44		Emergency responder work absences: Would prohibit an employer from discriminating against or disciplining an employee who is an emergency responder and is absent from work while responding to an emergency. The time off shall be considered unpaid and an employee must notify the employer of his or her status as a responder.	Referred to Senate Econ. Dev.						No position	
HB 4556		Ethnic intimidation: Would amend the definition for ethnic intimidation to include gender identity and sexual orientation.	Referred to House Judiciary						Monitoring	
HB 4597		Female board members: A bill that would requires a certain number of female board members on boards of directors.	Referred to House Workforce						Monitoring	
HB 4275		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 Judiciary						Monitoring	
HB 4576 & SB 331		Pay equity workplace award: A bill to create the Pay Equity in the Workplace Award Program to encourage and recognize employers that make progress in addressing pay inequality.	Referred to House Workforce/ Senate Econ. Dev.						Monitoring	
HB 4592		Repeal local preemption of benefits: Legislation that would repeal the local government labor regulatory limitation act, 2015 PA 105, which prohibits local jurisdictions from adopting requirements stricter than state law.	Referred to House Workforce							
HR 79		Support for the federal "PRO" Act: A resolution to encourage Congress to enact legislation to protect workers' rights (H.R. 842 of 2021), commonly referred to as the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act.	Referred to House Reg. Reform							
SB 368		UIA agency workers: Legislation that extends the sunset for allowing state employee retirees to work the Michigan unemployment insurance agency without forfeiting retirement benefits. This will help the agency offer better service to employers and unemployed workers.	Referred to Senate Econ. Dev.							
HB 4471		Vaccines as a condition of employment: Legislation that would prohibit requiring vaccines for tetanus-diphtheria, influenza, or COVID as a condition of employment.	Re-referred to House Workforce						Monitoring	

OTHER

PHARMACY

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CONTROLLED	SB 14-15		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	This would bring Michigan in line with surrounding states, allowing the prosecution to happen where the event occurred.
	HB 4089		Etizolam as schedule 1 drug: Legislation that seeks to include etizolam, a benzodiazepine drug used to treat insomnia and anxiety, as a schedule 1 drug.	Reported by House Health Policy on 4/22/21	Scheduled for a vote in the House week of 4/26/21					Monitoring	
DRUG COST	HB 4351-4352		Gag clauses and prescription price transparency: Legislation to ensure pharmacies can disclose the price of medication to patients and provide patients the prices for other comparable generic or name brand products. Prohibits contracts that would restrict this transparency.	Amended and reported by House Health Policy on 3/11/21	Passed House 106-1 on 3/24/21	Referred to Senate Health Policy				Under review	Part of a larger, bipartisan 15-bill healthcare reform package (HB 4345-4359).
	HB 4347		Manufacturer drug cost transparency: Would require drug manufacturers to file reports to the state on drugs with a wholesale acquisition cost of \$500 or more for a 30-day supply if the price increases 15% or more in a year or 40% or more over three years.	Amended and reported by House Health Policy on 3/11/21	Passed House 100-7 on 3/24/21	Referred to Senate Health Policy				Under review	Part of a larger, bipartisan 15-bill healthcare reform package (HB 4345-4359).
	HB 4348		PBM regulation: Would add new regulations on Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) including registration with the state and quarterly transparency reports. It would also ban spread pricing and prohibit retroactive fees on pharmacies.	Amended and reported by House Health Policy on 3/17/21	Passed House 97-10 on 3/24/21	Referred to Senate Health Policy				Under review	Part of a larger, bipartisan 15-bill healthcare reform package (HB 4345-4359). Amendments added to strengthen rule promulgation language, increase fines for failure to file annual reports with the department from \$5,000/month to \$20,000/month, push the implementation date to Jan. 1, 2023 and first reporting requirement to April 1, 2023, changed the mandatory quarterly reports to annual reports, and added "coinsurance or deductible" to the gag clause sections.
TECHNOLOGY	HB 4659		E-prescribing exemptions: Would add two new exemptions to Michigan's e-prescribing law that requires prescriptions be sent electronically to the pharmacy starting Oct. 1, 2021. The exemptions would include prescribers who directly dispense prescriptions to patients in their office and home-based dialysis treatment medications.	Referred to House Health Policy						Under review	MRA has learned the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians asked for the additional exemptions. MRA and members are reviewing the bill and the committee chair has said we have time to collect comments before it comes up for a hearing.

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OTHER	HB 4430	COVID-19 vaccine hotline: A bill to require the state create and man a COVID-19 vaccine hotline available 24/7 through Sept. 30, 2022 that provides information on vaccine locations, eligibility/availability, pre- registration and scheduling of appointments.	Referred to House Gov. Operations							MRA supports any efforts to clarify vaccine availability but will monitor this to ensure pharmacies are included and able to work with the state to make appointments.
	SB 155-156	Emergency insulin refills: Would allow a pharmacist to dispense and insurers to cover an emergency supply of insulin (up to a 30-day supply) to a patient with a prescription that is out of refills. It includes some documentation requirements including the reason an emergency supply is needed, information on the person's diabetes management. It also would requires notification to the prescriber in writing within a "reasonable period of time."	Amended and reported by Senate Health Policy on 3/25/21						Monitoring	
	HB 4558	Health license fees credit: Would amend the Public Health Code to offer a credit or prorated fee for an initial license, registration or a renewal of a license or registration for the portion of the effective period that the licensee or registrant is unable to engage in the practice of his/her health profession as a result of a declared state of emergency or disaster.	Referred to House Reg. Reform						Monitoring	
	SB 166	Mid-level prescribers: The bill would allow Michigan pharmacists to fill non-controlled substance prescriptions written by mid-level prescribers licensed in other states and Canada. Currently, Michigan pharmacists can fill scripts from mid-levels licensed in Michigan, but not licensed in other states.	Reported by Senate Health Policy on 3/11/21	Passed Senate 34-0 on 3/24/21	Hearing in House Health Policy on 4/29/21					
REGULATIONS										
SB 50-51		Animal abuse: Would prohibit knowingly providing an animal to another individual who intends to abuse or mistreat the animal.	Referred to Senate Judiciary						Monitoring	
SB 59		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 Senate Reg. Reform						Monitoring	

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SALES	HB 4246	Gas tax sticker: A bill to require the state's department of agriculture to provide gas station operators with 3.5 inch stickers outlining the federal motor fuel tax rate and state motor fuel tax rate in cents per gallon for both gasoline and diesel fuel. The stickers would be affixed when weights and measures does it's inspections and gas station owners bear no responsibility for affixing or maintaining the stickers.	Referred to House Transportation						Monitoring	
	HB 4382	Smoke detectors: Would prohibit the sale of smoke detectors powered only by removeable and replaceable batteries after April 1, 2022.	Reported by House Reg. Reform on 3/23/21	Amended and passed House 89-20 on 4/27/21					Neutral with amendments	The bill was amended on the House floor to provide for at least 18 months of sales-time after it's signed into law.
	HB 4029	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.	Reported by House Military on 3/10/21	Passed House 78-32 on 4/14/21	Referred to Senate Gov. Operations				Monitoring	
	SB 134	Synthetic urine: Would prohibit the manufacture, sale or distribution of synthetic urine designed as a drug masking agent.	Amended and reported by Senate Health Policy on 3/25/21						Monitoring	
	HB 4667	COVID-19 vaccination passport: Legislation that would prohibit the state from entering into a contract with a person to produce or issue a COVID-19 vaccination passport, or provide an incentive for a vaccination passport.	Referred to House Oversight						Monitoring	
	HB 4433	Emergency powers of the governor: Legislation that would repeal the 1945 emergency powers of the governor act that allows for unlimited time to issue executive orders, the validity and application of which was questioned in 2020.	Referred to House Gov. Operations						Monitoring	
	SB 1	Epidemic orders time limits: Legislation that would limit epidemic orders issued by MDHHS to 28-days or less. Extensions for a specific number of requested days would need to be approved by the legislature.	Discharged from Senate Gov. Operations	Passed Senate 20-15 on 3/2/21	NA	Passed House 59-50 on 3/9/21	VETOED on 3/24/21	NA	Monitoring	Tie-barred to the supplemental appropriations funding made up mostly of federal COVID-19 funds. The governor is expected to veto this bill.

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COVID	HB 4267-4269		Epidemic orders scope: Legislation that would limit epidemic orders issued by MDHHS to 28-days or less and prohibit MDHHS from issuing epidemic orders that restrict capacity of places of worship or religious practices. It would also ensure a business that is told to cease operations due to a pandemic is not in violation of a state or local order if the business follows all safety measures of businesses that are allowed to continue operating. Extensions of orders would have to be approve by the legislature.	HB 4268 amended and reported by House Gov. Operations on 3/24/21						Monitoring	
	SB 257		Epidemic orders scope: Legislation that would limit epidemic orders issued by MDHHS to not limit gatherings of families, attendance of family members at sporting events or in-person dining.	Discharged from Senate Gov. Operations on 3/23/21	Amended and passed Senate 20-15 on 3/23/21	Referred to House Gov. Operations				Monitoring	
	SB 250		Reopening standards for restaurants/event spaces: Legislation that would essentially codify the MI Restaurant and Lodging Association's reopening plan based on case positive percentages, etc.	Amended and reported by Senate Econ Dev. on 3/23/21	Passed Senate 20-15 on 3/25/21	Referred to House Gov. Operations				Monitoring	
TECH	HB 4015		Third-party state transaction disclosure: A bill to require any website issuing state licenses to clearly disclose the website is a third-party and to include a link back to the state's official page.	Amended and reported by House Reg. Reform on 2/23/21	Passed House 102-7 on 2/24/21	Referred to Senate Reg. Reform				Neutral	
ENVIRONMENT	HB 4272		Gas cans: Allow the labeling and use of gas cans in Michigan that are only used in Michigan and that are not compliant with emissions standards under 40 CFR part 59 subpart F related to interstate usage.	Reported by House Commerce on 3/23/21	Passed House 75-34 on 4/20/21	Referred to Senate Reg. Reform				Monitoring	
	SB 217		PFAS labeling: A bill to require consumer notification via warning labels if consumer products or packaging includes PFAS (fluorinated organic chemicals) by Jan. 1, 2024. Fines for violations would eventually reach \$10,000 starting in 2026.	Referred to Senate Environmental Quality						Monitoring	
	SB 370		Prohibits certain glyphosate herbicide uses: A bill that would prohibit certain residential uses of glyphosate herbicide (products like Round-up, weed and grass killers) and prescribes penalties. Retailers selling products that contain glyphosate must post signs that notifies customers that certain residential uses are prohibited in 24-point font.	Referred to Senate Environmental Quality							MRA traditionally opposes new signage requirements for retailers since they are proven to be ineffective and burdensome.

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HB 4454-4461		Solid waste and recycling reforms: A package of bills referred to as Part 115 recycling and solid waste legislation includes updates to improve Michigan's solid waste, composting, and recycling policies.	Amended and reported by House Natural Resources on 3/25/21	Passed House [various] on 4/22/21	Referred to Senate Reg. Reform					MRA supports the recycling reforms and improvements included in this bill package.
HB 4077		Unattended gas stations: Legislation that would prohibit LARA from issuing rules that prohibit the use of unattended gas stations to operate overnight without an attendant present.	Referred to House Commerce						Monitoring	Similar legislation was vetoed by Gov. Whitmer in Dec. 2020.
HB 4075-4076		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."	Referred to House 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 Gov..
SB 5		Fireworks use: Legislation that would allow local governments with certain densities (3,400 or more persons per square mile) to further restrict the ignition of fireworks to actual holidays. Currently local ordinances cannot limit use on the day of, day before or day after certain holidays (NYE, Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day). It would also double the related fines for violations.	Referred to Senate Reg. Reform						Monitoring	
SB 355		Fireworks on Juneteenth: Legislation that would allow the use of fireworks on the days leading up to and after Juneteenth.	Referred to Senate Reg. Reform						Monitoring	The bill is tie-barred to legislation designating "Juneteenth" as an official state holiday.
HB 4256		Service animals in training: A bill to require places open to the public including retail shops and restaurants to modify its policies to permit the use of a service animal by a trainer.	Hearing in House Reg. Reform on 4/27/21						Monitoring	A "trainer" is defined as someone employed by a service animal agency accredited by Assistance Dogs International or the International Guide Dog
TAXES										
HB 4270-4271		Feminine hygiene products: Legislation that would exempt feminine hygiene products from the state's sales and use taxes.	Referred to House Tax Policy						Neutral	
SB 153-154		Feminine hygiene products: Legislation that would exempt feminine hygiene products from the state's sales and use taxes.	Referred to Senate Finance						Neutral	
HB 4085-4086		Medical marijuana sales: Legislation that would exempt medical marijuana from the state's sales and use taxes.	Referred to House Tax Policy						No position	

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SALES TAX	HB 4635-4636		Prepared foods: Legislation that seeks to mirror the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement's treatment of prepared foods for sales tax purposes. It would expand the number of items likely subject to sales tax.	Referred to House Tax Policy						Under review	
	HB 4224-4225		PPE purchase rebate: Legislation that would create a rebate for sales/use tax paid by businesses on PPE including plexiglass and disinfecting products purchased between 3/10-20 and 12/31/21	Amended and reported by House Tax on 3/3/21	Passed House 104-6 on 3/3/21	Referred to Senate Finance					
	SB 179-180		PPE purchase exemption: Legislation that would exempt PPE purchases including plexiglass and disinfecting products from sales and use taxes.	Referred to Senate Finance							
PROPERTY TAX	HB 4815		Property tax payment deferral: Another effort to extend property tax deferral relief to mostly closed businesses by waiving the interest and penalties for summer 2020 property tax payments.	Referred to House Local Gov.							
	SB 112		Property tax payment deferral: Another effort to extend property tax deferral relief to mostly closed businesses by waiving the interest and penalties for summer 2020 property tax payments.	Referred to Senate Finance							
	SB 243		Property tax payment deferral: Another effort to extend property tax deferral relief to mostly closed businesses by waiving the interest and penalties for summer 2020 property tax payments.	Amended and reported by Senate Approps on 3/24/21							
	HB 4513		City income taxes: A bill to prohibit assessing an income tax on nonresidents.	Referred to House Tax Policy							
	HB 4372		Credit for closed businesses: A bill that seeks to provide an income tax credit to certain businesses (restaurants, lodging, exercise and entertainment facilities with fewer than 300 employees) that was closed due to COVID restrictions during 2020 or 2021 and lost more than 25% or more of its revenue in any quarter.	Referred to House Tax Policy							

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SB 360 / HB 4650		Credit for employer-assisted housing: A bill that seeks to provide an income tax credit to employers that make an eligible contribution to a local impact housing trust fund or that offers its employees the option to participate in a qualified employer-assisted housing project that assists its employees in securing affordable housing near the workplace.	Referred to Senate Econ. Dev. / House Econ. Dev.							SB 360 is tie-barred to SB 361 that authorizes certification of credits by MSHDA. HB 4650 is similarly tie-barred to HB 4649.
HB 4221		Credit for hiring veterans: A bill that would provide a tax credit for employers who hire veterans.	Hearing in House Tax Policy on 4/21/21						Monitoring	
HB 4324		Income definition: Would remove language that currently excludes sections 168 K (bonus depreciation) and 199 of the internal revenue code from the definition of federal taxable income used in Michigan's corporate income tax.	Reported by House Tax Policy on 3/24/21							
HB 4712		Michigan business tax credit deadline: Legislation that would extend the tax credit deadline for project development by petitioning MEDC for further amendments.	Referred to House Tax Policy						Monitoring	
HB 4288		SALT parity: Legislation that will restore tax parity between large C- corporations and smaller "pass-through" businesses as a result of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The bill would allow businesses to fully deduct taxes regardless of the type of business.	Hearing in House Tax Policy on 3/3/21 & 3/23/21 scheduled for a vote on 4/28/21							
HB 4568-4569, HB 4571		Tax deadline extensions: Bills to extend 2020 individual state income tax returns filing deadline to May 17, 2021; city income tax returns to May 17 or June 1, 2021; codify Treasury's extension and provide that an additional extension of the federal income tax filing due date for 2020 for federal taxpayers by the IRS would also automatically extend the state deadline to that same date.	Amended and reported by House Tax Policy on 3/24/21	Passed House 108-1/109-0 on 4/13/21	HB 4569 and HB 4571 reported by Senate Finance on 4/14/21	Passed Senate 35-0 on 4/20/21	Signed by Gov. Whitmer on 4/22/21	P.A. 7-8 of 2021 took effect on 4/22/21		
OTHER SB 272		Tax Tribunal hearings: Would allow the residential property and small claims division to hold hearings or re-hearings telephonically or by videoconferencing.	Referred to Senate Finance						Monitoring	

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TOURISM	HB 4052		Daylight Savings Time: A bill that would switch Michigan to Daylight Savings Time year-round if congress allows states to choose and if our neighboring states (IL, IN, OH, PA, and WI) also observe DST year- round.	Amended and reported by House Commerce on 3/16/21	Passed House 87-22 on 4/27/21					Neutral	Similar bills attracted a lot of discussion last session but little movement.
	SB 231		Daylight Savings Time: A bill that would switch Michigan to Daylight Savings Time year-round if our neighboring states (IL, IN, OH, PA, and WI) also observe DST year-round.	Referred to Senate Gov. Operations						Neutral	
OTHER	HB 4605-4607		Drivers license/ID extension: A package of bills that provide for the additional extension of renewal date for state identification cards, driver license and extended and enhanced driver licenses to June 30, 2021.	Referred to House Gov. Operations						Monitoring	
	HB 4698		False active shooter alarm: A bill that would provide penalties for falsely pulling an active shooter alarm in a public place defined as "including but not limited to a school."	Referred to House Judiciary						Monitoring	
	HB 4360		False representations of ballot proposals: A bill to prohibit a petition circulator from making false representations of the content of the proposal or recall petition and prescribe penalties for doing so.	Referred to House Elections						Monitoring	
	HB 4277-4279		Hand's-free 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.	Hearing in House Judiciary on 4/13/21						Monitoring	

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	completed action, bill(s) move on to the next step
	support
	oppose