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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 5304		Automatic alcohol dispensing machine: A bill that that would allow on-premises licensees to use self-serve dispensing machines for beer, wine or mixed spirits.	Hearing in House Reg. Reform on 10/19/21						Monitoring	
SB 656		Automatic alcohol dispensing machine: A bill that that would allow on-premises licensees to use self-serve dispensing machines for beer, wine or mixed spirits.	Amended and reported by Senate Reg. Reform on 11/2/21						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.	Reported by House Reg. Reform on 11/2/21							
SB 559		Drinks-to-go/social districts: A bill that extends by one day the sunset for drinks-to-go and social districts. The law allows both provisions to continue for one more day, until midnight of New Year's Day of 2025 and 2026, respectively.	Discharged from Senate Reg. Reform	Amended, passed Senate 33-2 on 6/24/21	Skipped committee referral	Passed House 107-1 on 6/30/21	Signed by Gov. Whitmer on 7/13/21	P.A. 64 of 2021 took effect on 7/13/21	Monitoring	
HB 5090 & 5093		Drinks-to-go/social districts: Bills that would modify conditions under which alcohol can be sold and served in a common area, create an outdoor service area permit for areas adjacent to the licensed premises and remove the sunset, allowing social districts to be a permanent fixture.	Amended and reported by House Reg. Reform on 10/19/21	Amended and passed House 104-1 on 11/10/21						
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.	Reported by House Reg. Reform on 6/8/21	Passed House 97-10 on 6/17/21	Referred to Senate Reg. Reform				Monitoring	
HB 5387		License violations: Legislation that would set a time period of two years after which violations of the Michigan Liquor Control Code cannot be held against licensees in applications for transfers or new licenses or used to suspend or revoke a license.	Referred to House Reg. Reform							

ALCOHOL

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HB 4557		Liquor license renewal fees: Legislation that would waive certain renewal fees for 2021.	Reported by House Reg. Reform on 6/8/21	Passed House 98-10 on 6/17/21	Amended and reported by Senate Reg. Reform on 10/6/21				Monitoring	
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	Passed House 107-0 on 5/6/21	Signed by Gov. Whitmer on 5/24/21	P.A. 16-19 of 2021 took effect on 5/25/21	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 5322-5323		Sales/use tax exemption for wholesalers: Bills that would include a wholesaler's or distribution agent's purchase license number issued by MLCC as enough information to avoid needing to separately claim a sales and use tax exemption since they are never selling direct to customers and only to retailers for resale.	Amended and reported by House Tax Policy on 10/13/21						No position	
HB 4842 & SB 444		Small distiller commission sales: Legislation that would 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).	HB 4842 was reported by House Reg. Reform on 6/22/21	HB 4842 passed House 90-17 on 6/30/21	HB 4842 referred to Senate Reg. Reform				Monitoring	This is a reintroduction of bills from last term.
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	Passed House 83-25 on 5/18/21	Reported by Senate Finance on 6/2/21	Passed Senate 28-6 on 10/26/21	Signed by Gov. Whitmer on 11/4/21	P.A. 102 of 2021 took effect on 11/4/21		We understand Gov. Whitmer will sign this bill into law as part of a larger sales/use tax agreement.

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HB 4114		Cigarette tax: Would reduce the current cigarette taxes by half.	Referred to House Tax Policy						 g	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.	Amended and reported by House Reg. Reform on 5/25/21, amended and reported by House Judiciary on 10/26/21						Monitoring	
SB 720-722		Modernize Tobacco Products Tax Act: A package of three bills to modernize the Tobacco Products Tax Act by allowing delivery of tobacco products by retailers or third party carriers. It would also increase all licensing fees for wholesalers, importers and vending machine operators to \$200.	Hearing in Senate Finance on 11/10/21						Under review	
HB 4878		Synthetic tobacco, tobacco 21: A bill that would amend the Youth Tobacco Act to change the definition of "minor" for purposes of its provisions to mean an individual under the age of 21, prohibit the sale of synthetic or tobacco free nicotine to an individual under 21 and requires the product packaging to include a disclosure that the product is not regulated by the FDA.	Amended and reported by House Rules & Competitiveness on 5/20/21	Passed House 105-5 on 6/3/21	Referred to Senate Reg. Reform				Monitoring	The bill was amended with a technical amendment to allow minors doing their job to transport or handle these products (the law already has this provision for other tobacco products).
SB 572-577		Tobacco 21, alternative nicotine & vapor products: A package of bills that would add an excise tax on certain electronic smoking devices, update the definition of tobacco product to include alternative nicotine products and consumable material beginning Jan. 1, 2022, prohibit certain marketing and advertising strategies of vapor products, provide compliance checks, require licensing, increase the purchase age from 18 to 21 of penal code provisions for selling or distributing tobacco products by mail or vending machines.	Referred to Senate Reg. Reform						Monitoring	

TOBACCO/VAPING

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<u>HB 4249-4251</u>		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, reported by House Rules & Competitiveness on 5/20/21	Passed House 108-2 on 6/3/21	Referred to Senate Reg. Reform				Neutral	
<u>HB 5058-5061</u>		Adulterated food – hemp: A package of bills that would prohibit the adulteration of food containing industrial hemp, modify restrictions under the industrial hemp growers act, limit liability for growers under certain circumstances, modify certain activities under a processor-handler license and definition of industrial hemp commodity and product.	Hearing in House Reg. Reform on 9/21/21						Under review	
<u>SB 725</u>		Asset test for food assistance: A bill that would remove the asset test currently required to be conducted by MDHHS for individuals seeking food assistance benefits.	Referred to Senate Families						Under review	If the asset test is removed then individuals could qualify for food assistance benefits based on income alone.
<u>HB 4331 & SB 167</u>		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							
<u>HB 4443-4444</u>		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	Amended and reported by Senate Reg. Reform on 6/8/21				Neutral with amendments	Amendments were added in the House 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.
<u>HB 4780-4783</u>		Bottle deposit escheats/fraud: A package of bills that would shift the distribution formula for any unclaimed deposits that are returned to the state to include \$1 million to a new bottle bill enforcement fund then remaining 75% to environmental clean-up and 25% to retailers. The bills also crack down on distributors/retailers selling returnable containers without first originating the deposit on the container. Requires distributors to collect deposits on certain containers purchased out of state.	Reported by House Reg. Reform on 5/25/21, and House Rules on 5/27/21	Passed House 106-4 on 6/3/21	Reported by Senate Reg. Reform on 10/6/21				 Opposed unless amendment is added	This is a reintroduction of the bill package from last term led by the Michigan Soft Drink Association and distributors. MRA has concerns about the open-ended enforcement powers and funding of MSP.

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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	Amended and reported by House Reg. Reform on 5/25/21				No position	The timing of these payments does not impact retailers.
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		
HR 132 & SR 73		Hero pay for essential workers: A resolution to support the use of federal funding to provide heroes pay to essential workers.	Referred to House/Senate Appropriations						Monitoring	
HR 163		Independent Food Retailers Week: A resolution to declare September 27-October 1, 2021, as Independent Food Retailers Week in the state of Michigan.	NA	House adopted on 9/22/21	NA	NA	NA	NA		
HB 5477		Kratom products: A bill that would regulate the sale of food products represented to be Kratom products by creating a kratom consumer protection act.	Referred to House Reg. Reform						Under review	
HB 4982		Lab grown meat labeling: A bill that would amend the Michigan Food Law to prohibit labeling as meat a laboratory-grown meat substitute.	Referred to House Agriculture							
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	SB 230 passed Senate 19-15 on 4/28/21 SB 353-354 passed Senate 20-16 on 5/5/21	Referred to House Reg. Reform				Monitoring	The license fee waiver appears it would extend to grocery stores as currently written.
HB 5250 & SB 591		PFAS in food packaging: A bill that would prohibit the use of PFAS, bisphenols, and phthalates in food packaging.	Referred to House Agriculture / Senate Environmental Quality						Monitoring with concerns	

OTHER

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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							
HB 5318		Student SNAP benefit eligibility: A bill that would enhance eligibility requirements for supplemental nutrition assistance (SNAP) programs to include students under certain conditions.	Referred to House Families						Monitoring	
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										
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 5344-5350 & SB 657-663		Family planning coverage and disclosure and equal pay/breaks: Bills that would require employers to disclose their family leave policies and reproductive health insurance coverage to employees and potential employees. Would also require paid parental leave to care for newborns/adoption and medical leave for miscarriages/stillbirths.	Referred to House Workforce/Senate Econ. Dev.							Many of these policies should be left to employers to decide specific coverage.
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	
HR 134		Pandemic unemployment compensation: A resolution to oppose efforts to withdraw Michigan from the federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Program.	Referred to House Gov. Operations							
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	
HB 5251		Severance pay: A bill that would require certain employers that close or relocate an establishment or engage in a mass layoff to pay severance pay to certain employees.	Referred to House Workforce						Monitoring	

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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 5479		Tipped wage elimination and \$15 minimum wage: A bill to increase the minimum wage for tipped employees to \$15 an hour by 2026 and eliminate the tipped wage.	Referred to House Gov. Operations							The bill is unlikely to ever receive a hearing based on the committee it was referred to.
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 5493		Unemployment benefits for domestic violence victims: A bill to create an exemption from disqualification of unemployment benefits if the person leaving a job is a victim of domestic violence.	Referred to House Commerce						Monitoring	The bill does state benefits paid under this exemption would not be charged to or impact an employer's experience rating (which sets the tax rate).
HB 4772-4773		UIA benefits remuneration and workshare: Bills that would modify the remuneration provision formula beginning Jan. 1 2022, removes UIA shared-work plan expiration if unemployment rate in the state exceeds 8% for the immediately preceding two months, and reduces employer certification of shared-work plan in lieu of layoffs that would affect 10% of the affected unit instead of 15%.	Referred to House Workforce							
SB 501		Unemployment conditions - registration with MI Works agency: Legislation that would require individuals receiving unemployment benefits register with a Michigan Works agency to demonstrate active work search efforts.	Amended and reported by Senate Econ. Dev. on 6/10/21	Passed Senate 35-0 on 6/17/21	Reported by House Workforce on 6/17/21	Passed House 103-6 on 6/24/21	Signed by Gov. Whitmer on 7/17/21	P.A. 66 of 2021 took effect on 7/17/21		

BENEFITS

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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 4435-4440		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 4434		UIA plain language/end PUA benefits: A bill that would require the unemployment agency to use plain language in communications and determinations and was amended to add language requiring the agency to reject federal funds that can be used for pandemic unemployment benefits.	Amended and reported by House Workforce on 6/10/21	Passed House 60-49 on 6/17/21	Skipped committee referral	Amended, passed Senate 19-16 on 6/24/21	VETOED on 7/20/21	NA		The bill failed to get immediate effect in the Senate so while it is expected to be vetoed, it wouldn't matter since it couldn't take effect until late next March under the rules.
HB 5092		UIA plain language: A bill that would require the unemployment agency to use plain language in communications and determinations.	Skipped committee referral	Passed House 109-0 on 6/30/21	Referred to Senate Econ. Dev.				Neutral	This bill replaces a previous bill (HB 4434) that was amended to eliminate the pandemic work search benefits and will likely be vetoed.
SB 445		UIA work search requirement: A bill that would require UIA to waive the search for work requirement for individuals who are covered under section 2102 of the Federal CARES Act.	Amended and reported by Senate Econ. Dev. on 6/10/21	Passed Senate 35-0 on 6/17/21	Referred to House Workforce				Monitoring	Addresses issues with work search for part time workers. The committee made technical changes.
HB 5179-5180		Work search requirements/notice of jobs: A bill that would modify work search requirements by requiring an individual to register with Michigan Works within 21 days after applying for benefits. Would also increase the number of work search inquiries per week, and individuals would have to report the info once a week. And would require UIA to notify claimants of job openings through MI Works.	Referred to House Workforce						Monitoring	
SB 536		Work search and registration: A bill that would prohibit the agency from waiving work search and work registration requirements unless extended benefits are triggered.	Referred to Senate Econ. Dev.							

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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	
HB 5368		Date of birth information: Legislation that seeks to reverse a court rule that would redact date of birth information on public documents, making it harder for companies to do adequate background checks before hiring individuals.	Amended and reported by House Judiciary on 10/19/21	Passed House 69-34 on 11/3/21	Referred to Senate Judiciary					
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.	Reported by House Education on 5/4/21	Passed House 98-10 on 5/20/21	Reported by Senate Econ. Dev. on 6/17/21	Passed Senate 27-9 on 9/1/21	VETOED on 7/20/21	NA	No position	Re-referred to House Education on 9/21/21.
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	
HB 5135-5140		Predictive scheduling, overtime, etc.: A package of bills that would regulate temporary labor service agencies, provide scheduling standards, specify minimum compensation amounts for exemption from overtime pay and require meal periods for certain employees, exclude severance pay from the definition of remuneration and require severance pay for eligible employees for a closing or mass layoff.	Referred to House Workforce							
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	
HB 5124		Classification of essential workers: A bill that would provide classification of essential workers.	Referred to House Workforce						Monitoring	"Workers at retail stores who sell groceries, medical supplies, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and basic operation of residences, including, but not limited to, convenience stores, pet supply stores, auto supplies and repair stores, hardware and home maintenance stores, and home appliance retailers."

HIRING PROCESS

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HB 5332		COVID-19 vaccine employer liability for mandated vaccinations: A bill that would provide remedies for employees who sustain personal injury because of employer-mandated vaccinations against COVID-19; and to provide protection from liability for employers that do not mandate vaccinations against COVID-19 for employees.	Referred to House Commerce						Under review	
HB 5352		COVID-19 vaccine adverse impact employer liability: A bill that would make an adverse reaction resulting from a mandated COVID-19 vaccine by an employer a personal injury under the Michigan Worker's Compensation Act.	Referred to House Workforce							
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 5528		Hold employers harmless from improperly paid CARES Act UI benefits: A bill that would prohibit UIA from charging the account of an employer for improperly paid benefits under the Federal CARES Act.	Referred to House Oversight							The bill is tie-barred to HB 5265 which spells out the improper benefits paid to claimants under the Federal CARES Act related to COVID-19.
SR 83		Mandatory COVID-19 vaccines: A resolution to condemn President Joe Biden's decision to impose vaccine requirements on private employers.	NA						Monitoring	
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 5333		Prevent state enforcement of federal COVID testing or vaccine requirements by employers: A bill that would This would prevent MIOSHA from using state funds to enforce a federal OSHA mandate for employers with more than 100 employees to require weekly testing or vaccination of all employees, should a federal OSHA rule materialize.	Referred to House Appropriations							

COVID

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HB 4958		Use of PPE in the workplace: A bill that would prohibit an employer from taking adverse action against an employee for using their own personal protective equipment in the workplace to protect against hazards like disease, chemicals, etc. so long as it provided equal or better protection than what the employer offered.	Referred to House Gov. Operations						Monitoring with concerns	If an employee can choose to use their own PPE, the employer should not be held responsible for any ailments/injuries/issues arising from equipment not be used or cleaned properly.
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 4748-4761		Worker's comp and workplace safety: A package of 14 bills that would make changes to worker's compensation benefits and workplace safety standards related to COVID-19. The bills include a presumption that essential workers contracted COVID-19 on the job, requires employers to provide information on testing locations, repeals Public Act 10 of 2011, which prohibits the state from implementing ergonomics standards, increases MIOSHA violation penalties and more.	Referred to House Workforce							
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						Monitoring	
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	

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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.							
SB 531-534		UIA fraud/office closures: A package of bills that would require criminal history background checks of third-party employees or independent contractors who would be involved in performing the duty of the UIA, creates a fraud unit, requires UIA offices that are open to the public to maintain regular hours of operation and prohibits closures, and requires an audit of the unemployment compensation fund covering March 1, 2020 through September 6, 2021.	Referred to Senate Econ. Dev.						Monitoring	
HB 5549-5555		UIA transparency/assistance: A package of bills that would add a monthly report to rulings, create an UIA ombudsman, establish restitution for identity theft/fraud, set a 10-day review timeline for benefit applications, require the agency provide administrative law judges all related records and communications, and allow certain qualifying employers to make quarterly payments.	Referred to House Oversight						Under review	

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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.	Hearing in House Workforce on 8/19/21						Monitoring	
SB 592		Whistleblower protections: Would add warning/speaking out about a planned violation or request to participate in a cover up of a violation or planned violation to the list of protected whistleblower protections from retaliation.	Referred to Senate Gov. Operations						Monitoring	
PHARMACY										
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	Passed House 75-34 on 4/29/21	Referred to Senate Judiciary				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	Hearings in Senate Health Policy on 6/17/21, 6/24/21, 6/30/21, and 7/15/21					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.

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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.	Reported by House Health Policy on 6/3/21	Passed House 109-0 on 6/30/21	Reported by Senate Health Policy on 10/12/21	Passed Senate 35-0 on 10/14/21	Signed by Gov. Whitmer on 10/29/21	P.A. 94 of 2021 took effect on 10/28/21	Neutral	MRA has learned the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians asked for the additional exemptions which seem reasonable. LARA has decided to drop the request for an extension of the effective date to 2/1/22 from 10/1/21.
	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 require notification to the prescriber in writing within a "reasonable period of time."	Amended and reported by Senate Health Policy on 3/25/21	Passed Senate 34-0 on 4/22/21	Reported by House Health Policy on 6/3/21	Passed House 109-0 on 6/10/21	Signed by Gov. Whitmer on 7/1/21	P.A. 36-37 of 2021 took effect on 7/1/21	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.	Amended and reported by House Reg. Reform on 6/8/21	Passed House 100-10 on 6/17/21	Reported by Senate Health Policy on 10/6/21				Monitoring	
	HB 5006	Medicaid pharmacy benefit manager contracts: A bill that would prohibit the state from entering into a contract with a Medicaid managed care organization that relies on a pharmacy benefit manager under certain circumstances.	Referred to House Health Policy						Under review	
	SB 412	Medicaid prior authorization prescription drugs: Provides exemption of HIV and Tardive dyskinesia drugs from the MDHHS Medicaid prior authorization process.	Referred to Senate Health Policy						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	Reported by House Health Policy on 11/4/21					
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SB 583		Pharmaceutical imports: A bill that would create a program for the wholesale importation of pharmaceuticals from Canada.	Referred to Senate Health Policy						Monitoring	
SB 401-402		Pseudoephedrine limits: Bills that would lower the current allowable monthly limit of pseudoephedrine an individual can purchase and can be sold at retail from 9 grams to 7.2 grams as well as setting a 61.2-gram annual limit.	Reported by Senate Health Policy on 5/20/21						Neutral	While MRA does not support the bills, the limits are acceptable to allow for realistic use by families without a prescription.
HB 5407		Substance abuse information on prescription bottles: A bill that would require pharmacies include contact information for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, suicide prevention, alcoholics anonymous and poison control hotlines on the prescription bottle label.	Referred to House Health Policy						Monitoring with concerns	While providing this information may be a good service, being required to include it on the actual prescription bottle label may be difficult to do given label size and the amount of other information already required to be on the label.
REGULATIONS										
SALES	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	
	HB 5374	Dishware lead leachate levels: A bill to add specific thresholds for lead leachate levels appropriate for various types of dishes sold.	Referred to House Health Policy						Monitoring	
	SB 493	Gasoline price advertising: A bill that would require retailers post both the reduced and nonreduced price in equal sizes on an illuminated sign when advertising reduced gasoline prices (such as a cash discount).	Referred to Senate Econ. Dev.						Monitoring	
	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	
	SB 454	Firearm background checks: A bill that would require license or background checks for the purchase of firearms.	Referred to Senate Gov. Operations						Monitoring	

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SB 632		Nontoxic camping tent exemption from fire resistance: A bill that would allow nontoxic camping tents to be exempt from requirements for fire resistance.	Referred to Senate Reg. Reform						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	Reported by Senate Econ. Dev. on 6/10/21				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	Passed Senate 33-1 on 4/21/21	Referred to House Health Policy				Monitoring	
HB 4830-4831		Weapons: Legislation that eliminates prohibition against the sale, manufacture, or possession of brass knuckles, blackjacks, and clubs and updates reference in sentencing guidelines.	Referred to House Judiciary						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.	Amended and reported by House Oversight on 5/13/21	Passed House 62-47 on 6/2/21	Reported by Senate Health Policy on 10/26/21				Monitoring	
HB 4736		COVID vaccination requirement: A bill that would prohibit the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services from requiring individuals receive a COVID-19 vaccine.	Referred to House Health Policy						Monitoring	
HB 5244		COVID quarantine requirements - repeal: A bill that would repeal PA 238 of 2020 that specified quarantine requirements for COVID symptoms by workers and employer retaliation against workers who stay home.	Referred to House Gov. Operations						Under review	There were several issues tied with the original COVID liability bills that need to be resolved now that there are no more quarantine requirements but those provisions were codified without sunset.
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	

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SB 535		Emergency rules: A bill that would allow emergency rules to be filed for a 3-month period with one 3-month extension instead of 6 months and require any further extensions to be approved by the legislature.	Referred to Senate Econ. Dev.						Monitoring	
SB 495		Epidemic order limits: A bill that provides definition of epidemic orders and places limits on the issuance of certain emergency orders involving epidemics.	Referred to Senate Health Policy						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.
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 approved by the legislature.	HB 4268 amended and reported by House Gov. Operations on 3/24/21 re-referred to House Rules & Competitiveness on 5/19/21						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 428		Face masks for children under five: A bill that prohibits the issuance of an emergency order in response to an epidemic that requires children less than 5 years old to wear a face mask.	Skipped committee referral	Passed Senate 20-15 on 5/13/21	Skipped committee referral				Monitoring	
HB 5244		Liability: A bill that would repeal PA 238 of 2020 that prohibits retaliation against workers who stay home due to illness or quarantine requirements and prohibits an employee from reporting to work under certain circumstances related to COVID-19.	Referred to House Gov. Operations						Under review	There were several issues tied with the original COVID liability bills that need to be resolved now that there are no more quarantine requirements but those provisions were codified without sunset.
HB 5339		Local government health orders: A bill that would require emergency orders of local health department during an epidemic be approved by the local governing entity after a certain time frame for the order to remain in effect.	Referred to House Gov. Operations							

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HB 5355		Local health officer removal process: Legislation that would provide for the removal of county health department officers via by a majority vote of the local governing entity or in the case of a district health department by a majority vote of the district board of health.	Referred to House Local Gov.						Monitoring	
HB 4501		MIOSHA fines: Legislation that would prohibit MIOSHA from assessing a fine on a business found in violation of the workplace safety rules if it's a first violation and if the business takes steps to address and correct the violation.	Reported by House Gov. Operations on 5/20/21	Passed House 74-34 on 5/25/21	Reported by Senate Econ. Dev. on 6/3/21	Passed Senate 19-16 on 11/2/21	VETOED on 11/10/21	NA		
SR 59		MIOSHA fines forgiveness: A resolution to urge the forgiveness of all fines and fees imposed on and the end to all prosecutions brought against businesses for violating COVID-19 orders or rules.	Reported by Senate Econ. Dev. on 6/3/21	Senate adopted 19-16 on 6/10/21	NA	NA	NA	NA		
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	
Initiated Law 1 of 2021		Unlock Michigan - repeal 1945 Emergency Powers Act: A voter-initiated petition to repeal the 1945 Emergency Powers of the Governor Act that Gov. Whitmer used to issue executive orders last year before the court ruled it unconstitutional.	NA	Passed Senate 20-15 on 7/15/21	NA	Passed House 60-48 on 7/21/21	NA	Initiated Law 1 of 2021 (March 2022)	Monitoring	Gov. Whitmer does not have the authority to approve or veto initiated laws that come before the legislature.
SB 457		Vaccinations for minors: A bill that would prohibit the MDHHS Director, or a local health officer, from issuing an emergency order that requires a minor to receive a vaccination for COVID-19.	Skipped committee referral	Passed Senate 20-16 on 5/25/21	Referred to House Gov. Operations				Monitoring	
HB 4790-4794		Vaccination/immunization privacy: A package of bills that would prohibit proof of COVID-19 vaccination or immunity statues by state & local governments and places of public accommodation, prohibit immunization data on driver licenses and state identification cards, and prohibit employment discrimination based on vaccination/immunity status.	Referred to House Oversight						Monitoring	

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HB 5026		9-1-1 fee increase/extension: A bill that would increase and extend the 9-1-1 fees required to be collected on prepaid cell phones and cell phone plans, extend that fee to online transactions, add audits, and extend the sunset 6 years.	Amended and reported by House Communications & Tech on 10/20/21	Amended and passed House 99-6 on 10/28/21	Reported by Senate Energy and Tech on 11/10/21				Neutral with amendments added	MRA requested a date certain be added for the pre-paid cell phone fee increase. The House added a March 1, 2022 date on the House floor as an H-4 substitute.
SB 672		Cybersecurity programs: Legislation that would amend the Identity Theft Act to add an affirmative defense against tort action as a result of a data breach if the entity had implemented a cybersecurity program that meets one of several national framework standards.	Referred to Senate Energy and Tech						Monitoring	
HB 4801-4805		EV charging stations: A package of bills that provide registration and licensing procedures and modifies requirement for permit for EV charging stations. Allows construction and maintenance of EV charging stations at rest areas or travel information centers and excludes in definition of service plaza.	HB 4801-4802 were amended and reported by House Energy on 6/22/21	HB 4801-4802 passed House 85-18 on 10/19/21	Referred to Senate Energy and Tech					MRA opposes HB 4803-4805 since they will force retailers to unfairly compete with charging stations the state sets up in rest areas and creates a disincentive to invest in charging stations.
HB 5095		EV charging stations park-and-ride sites: A bill that would allow installation of electric vehicle charging stations at state park-and-ride sites.	Referred to House Energy						Monitoring with some concerns	Similar to our concerns on HB 4803-4805, if the state controls the EV stations it would create unfair competition.
HB 4944		Opt-in for increases in automatic payments: A bill that would require a 30 day advance notice to opt-in for increases to a payment amount that is charged automatically to a credit card, debit card, bank account or other payments source and clarifies application of Michigan consumer protection act to regulated businesses.	Referred to House Communications & Tech						Monitoring with concerns	
SB 538		Personal delivery devices: A bill that would establish regulations allowing semi-autonomous "personal delivery devices" to make deliveries on roads and sidewalks with the remote support and supervision of a human.	Referred to Senate Transportation						Under review	This is a re-introduction of SB 892 from 2019-20 session. There is a company that is developing and testing the technology in Ann Arbor. Other states have passed PDD legislation.
SB 560-561		Personal delivery devices registration/insurance: Legislation that would provide for registration and exempt automated delivery devices from the requirement to have no-fault insurance.	Referred to Senate Transportation						Under review	

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HB 5057		Portable electronics insurance: A bill that would provide for a limited line portable electronics insurance producer license for the sale of portable electronic insurance that provides coverage for the repair or replacement of a portable electronic device.	Referred to House Reg. Reform						Under review	
HB 4893		Recurring online services: A bill that would provide cancelation of certain recurring services online and clarifies application of the Michigan Consumer Protection Act to regulated businesses.	Referred to House Communications & Tech						Monitoring with concerns	MRA understands this could have far-reaching consequences for retailers and other businesses and is working with other concerned parties.
HB 5294		Third-party state transaction disclosure modification: A bill to make some adjustments to recently passed P.A. 46 of 2021 by adding language about third party sites charging a fee or requiring customer to disclose personal information for online services similar to those the state offers.	Reported by House Reg. Reform on 10/26/21	Passed House 98-7 on 11/10/21					Neutral	
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	Amended and reported by Senate Reg. Reform on 6/8/21	Passed Senate 35-0 on 6/16/21	Signed by Gov. Whitmer on 7/1/21	P.A. 46 of 2021 will take effect in March 2022 (90 days after sine die)	Neutral	This bill was focused on Secretary of State services like drivers licenses and registration renewal.
HB 5485-5487		Transparency and verification of third party sellers on online marketplaces: A set of three bills designed to provide consumer protection by adding transparency measures and a verification process for high-volume third party sellers who sell on online marketplaces.	Referred to House Judiciary							
HB 5285		Aquatic invasive species sold online: A bill that would establish an advisory council to combat the online sale of aquatic invasive species.	Referred to House Natural Resources						Monitoring	
HB 5373 & SB 675		Balloon litter: Legislation that would prohibit releasing balloons into the atmosphere and provide penalties for doing so.	Referred to House Natural Resources/Senate Environmental Quality						Monitoring	
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	Reported by Senate Environmental Quality on 6/8/21	Passed Senate 20-16 on 9/1/21	VETOED on 9/10/21	NA	Monitoring	Re-referred to House Commerce on 9/14/21.

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ENVIRONMENT	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.
	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.	Hearing in House Commerce on 10/19/21						Monitoring	Similar legislation was vetoed by Gov. Whitmer in Dec. 2020.
HB 4720	Adjustable-height adult changing tables: Legislation that would require spaces open to the public in buildings over 40,000 square feet to include an adjustable-height adult changing table that can be used by persons with disabilities of either sex. These would have to be installed upon the next major renovation.	Referred to House Reg. Reform							These adult-sized changing tables take up a large footprint in small bathrooms and cost \$10,000 - \$15,000 each.	
HB 4787	Commercial drivers: Legislation that would allow someone with military commercial motor vehicle experience to skip the required state driving test to get a commercial driver's license.	Reported by House Transportation on 6/8/21	Passed House 107-0 on 6/24/21	Hearing in Senate Transportation on 10/27/21					With a shortage of drivers available, anything to get more commercial drivers on the road is positive.	
SR 89	Commercial drivers: A resolution to urge the federal government to allow persons under the age of 21 to operate commercial vehicles on interstate routes.	Reported by Senate Transportation on 10/27/21	Senate adopted on 11/10/21	NA	NA	NA	NA			
HB 4994	Charitable donation unclaimed shoes: A bill that would allow shoe repair shops to donate unclaimed shoes after a certain period of time.	Hearing in House Commerce on 10/19/21								

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<u>SB 614</u>		Dietitian and nutritionist licensing: A bill that would require dietitians and nutritionists be licensed by the state in order to practice.	Hearing in Senate Reg. Reform on 10/21/21							MRA has previously opposed similar legislation since it can impact freedom of speech in health food/specialty stores.
<u>HB 4075-4076</u>		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."	Reported by House Health Policy on 6/24/21	Passed House 101-2 on 10/6/21	Referred to Senate Health Policy				Monitoring	The legislation could potentially create a situation where two versions of the signs would be needed to comply with both state and federal standards. MRA is waiting on confirmation from the ADA that the new symbol requirement will be sufficient to meet ADA-specified standards.
<u>HB 4888-4891</u>		Fireworks Act changes: A package of bills that would regulate the sale and use of fireworks, repeal the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act and sentencing guidelines under the act and update cross-reference in the Firefighters Training Council and Stille-DeRossett-Hale Single State Construction Acts and the Fire Prevention Code.	Referred to House Reg. Reform						Under review	
<u>HB 4975</u>		Fireworks discharge: A bill that would prohibit ignition, discharge, and use of fireworks within 200 feet of property not owned or leased by person using the fireworks.	Referred to House Reg. Reform						Monitoring	
<u>SB 5</u>		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	
<u>SB 355</u>		Fireworks on Juneteenth: Legislation that would allow the use of fireworks on the days leading up to and after Juneteenth.	Hearing in Senate Reg. Reform on 6/8/21						Monitoring	The bill is tie-barred to legislation designating "Juneteenth" as an official state holiday.
<u>HB 5063</u>		Fireworks on Juneteenth: Legislation that would allow the use of fireworks on the days leading up to and after Juneteenth.	Referred to House Gov. Operations						Monitoring	The bill is tie-barred to legislation designating "Juneteenth" as an official state holiday.
<u>HB 5533</u>		Fireworks surety bond amounts: A bill that would allow an applicant with multiple locations to obtain a flat \$25,000 surety bond instead of \$5,000 surety bonds for each location.	Referred to House Reg. Reform						Monitoring	

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HB 4981		Lottery sales commission increase: A bill that would increase sales commission to retailers for tickets sold from 6% to 7%. For tickets sold between 9-30-21 and 10-1-22, sales commission to retailers for tickets sold would be 9%. The bill would also eliminate current flat bonus commission on various winning jackpot or top prize-winning tickets and replace with a bonus commission of 1% if the winning ticket is \$1 million or more.	Reported by House Reg. Reform on 10/26/21						Under review	
HB 5128-5129		Marihuana - prohibit use in food service establishments: Legislation that would expand prohibition against smoking marihuana and medical marihuana in public places to include food service establishments.	Referred to House Reg. Reform						Monitoring	
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.	Reported by House Reg. Reform on 5/4/21	Passed House 94-14 on 5/27/21	Hearing in Senate Reg. Reform on 9/14/21				Monitoring	A "trainer" is defined as someone employed by a service animal agency accredited by Assistance Dogs International or the International Guide Dog Federation.
HB 4774		Storage unit liens: A bill that provides consumer protections for self-service storage unit renters by prohibiting the owner from enforcing a lien against a renter until 6 months after the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.	Referred to House Commerce						Monitoring	
TAXES										
HB 5080-5081		Delivery & installation: Legislation that would exempt delivery and installation for sales and use taxes.	Amended and reported by House Tax Policy on 9/14/21	Passed House 69-34 on 10/19/21	Referred to Senate Finance					
HB 4270-4271 HB 5267 SB 153		Feminine hygiene products: Legislation that would exempt feminine hygiene products from the state's sales and use taxes. It would take effect 90 days after being signed into law.	HB 4270 and HB 5267 were amended and reported by House Tax Policy on 9/14/21	HB 4270 and HB 5267 passed the House 94-13 on 10/14/21	HB 5267 and SB 153 reported by Senate Finance on 10/21/21	Passed Senate 32-2 on 10/26/21	Signed by Gov. Whitmer on 11/4/21	P.A. 108-109 of 2021 will take effect Feb. 3, 2022	 Support with amendment added	MRA requested an amendment that was added by House Tax to give retailers 90 days after this is signed into law to identify which products meet the tax exemption status and to update their POS systems.
SB 551-552		Firearm safety devices: Legislation that would exempt from sales and use tax firearm safety devices.	Referred to Senate Gov. Operations						Neutral	

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HB 5255		Industrial processing Use Tax exemption clarification: Legislation that would further clarify the industrial processing Use Tax exemption to apply to property that is used for a purpose that subjects the property to the tax.	Hearing in House Tax Policy on 11/3/21						Monitoring	The bills attempt to fix an issue with aggregates materials where Treasury has limited the exemption based on sales/use tax collected.
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	
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	Amended and reported by Senate Finance on 5/19/21	Passed Senate 36-0 on 4/20/21	VETOED on 6/25/21	N/A		
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							
HB 5175-5176		School supplies tax holiday: Bills that would create a sales and use tax holiday for back-to-school clothing and school supplies.	Referred to House Tax Policy							
HB 4976-4978		Streamlined motor fuel treatment: A package of bills that would allow exemption from the collection of streamlined sales and use tax under the international fuel tax agreement for motor fuel tax reciprocity agreements, create the Michigan highway reciprocity board and allow exemption from the international fuel tax agreement for motor fuel tax reciprocity agreements.	Amended and reported by House Transportation on 10/19/21	Amended, passed House 101-1 on 11/4/21	Referred to Senate Transportation				Under review	HB 4976 & 4978 are tie-barred to HB 4977.
SB 514/ HB 5037		Broadband/HS internet special assessment districts: A bill that would allow townships to create special assessment districts for communications infrastructure including broadband and high-speed internet.	Referred to Senate Energy/House Communications & Tech						Under review	
SB 698		Personal property tax location during COVID: Simplifies personal property taxes for 2021 by assuming the location of that property in 2021 was the same as it was in 2019. This means if employees are working remotely, businesses will not have to account for where business property that is being used in employees' homes is and file personal property taxes in those additional jurisdictions.	Reported by Senate Finance on 10/28/21	Passed Senate 35-0 on 11/10/21	Referred to House Tax Policy					A similar bill was signed into law last year for 2020 taxes as P.A. 352 of 2020.

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PROPERTY TAX	HB 5351	Personal property tax threshold: A bill that would modify small business personal property tax exemption to increase the threshold from \$80,000 by indexing the amount annually to CPI beginning December 31, 2021.	Referred to House Tax Policy							
	HB 5337	Property tax - Headlee rollback calculation: A bill that would modify the calculation of Headlee rollback for millage reductions.	Referred to House Local Gov.						Under review	Strikes section 16.
	HB 4185	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 4879	Corporation income tax carryover losses: A bill that would modify the deduction for net operating losses by adding any carryback or carryover of a net operating loss to the extent deducted in arriving at federal taxable income, less any carryback allowed for losses arising in 2018, 2019, and 2020 as 3 provided in section 172(b)(1)(D) of the internal revenue code.	Referred to House Tax Policy						Monitoring	
	SB 392	Corporate income tax rollback: Bills that would provide for a rollback of the corporate income tax rate from 6.0% to 4.9% by January 2022 for certain businesses affected by pandemic.	Reported by Senate Finance on 6/3/21							
	HB 5031	Individual income tax credit for COVID-19 vaccine: A bill that would a \$100 tax credit for each taxpayer and each dependent of the taxpayer, up to a maximum of \$400, who is 18 years of age or older and who was fully vaccinated for Covid-19 during the 2021 tax year.	Referred to House Tax Policy						Monitoring	

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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							
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.	SB 360 was amended and reported by Senate Econ. Dev. On 6/10/21, referred to House Local Gov.	SB 360 passed the Senate 29-6 on 6/17/21	SB 360 was referred to House Local Gov.					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 5031		Individual income tax credit for COVID-19 vaccine: A bill that would a \$100 tax credit for each taxpayer and each dependent of the taxpayer, up to a maximum of \$400, who is 18 years of age or older and who was fully vaccinated for Covid-19 during the 2021 tax year.	Referred to House Tax Policy						Monitoring	
HB 4712		Michigan business tax credit deadline: Legislation that would extend the tax credit deadline for project development by petitioning MEDC for further amendments.	Amended and reported by House Tax Policy on 6/23/21	Amended, passed House 87-21 on 8/17/21	Reported by Senate Econ. Dev. on 10/5/21	Passed Senate 29-7 on 10/13/21	Signed by Gov. Whitmer on 10/28/21	P.A. 93 of 2021 took effect on 10/28/21	Monitoring	
HB 4775-4776		PPE tax credit: Legislation that would provide for individual income tax credit for essential workers and a corporate income tax credit for businesses with 50 or less employees for the purchase of certain personal protective equipment for tax years 2020 and 2021.	Referred to House Tax Policy							

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SB 393		Property tax credit: A bill that would provide for a credit for property taxes paid for certain businesses affected by pandemic.	Amended and reported by Senate Finance on 5/26/21	Passed Senate 19-16 on 6/9/21	Referred to House Tax Policy					
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.	Amended and reported by House Tax Policy on 4/28/21	Passed House 88-18 on 5/13/21	Reported by Senate Finance on 5/26/21	Passed Senate 29-6 on 6/23/21	VETOED on 7/13/21	NA		Re-referred to House Tax Policy on 7/21/21.
HB 5376		SALT parity re-do: 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.	Skipped committee referral	Amended and passed House 105-2 on 10/14/21	Reported by Senate Finance on 10/28/21					Gov. Whitmer has indicated she will sign HB 5376 into law despite vetoing similar legislation, HB 4288, earlier this year. That veto was tied to the budget negotiations and this bill is expected to become law.
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		
HB 4971-4972 & SB 523-524		Interstate compact prohibit state grants/tax incentives: Legislation that would establish an interstate compact where Midwestern states would agree not to offer competitive company-specific subsidies. State grants, tax incentives and MEDC funding that encourage companies to relocate from one state to another would be prohibited beginning Oct. 1, 2021.	Referred to House Gov. Operations/ Senate Econ. Dev.						Monitoring	The house bills are tie-barred as a package and the senate bills are also tie-barred as a package.
HB 5000		Stormwater discharge fees: A bill that would increase stormwater discharge fees.	Referred to House Appropriations							MRA opposed similar legislation in previous sessions that essentially creates a "rain tax."
SB 593		Stormwater utility fees: A bill that would allow local governments to assess stormwater utility fees on property owners based on property elements.	Referred to Senate Local Gov.							MRA opposed similar legislation in previous sessions that essentially creates a "rain tax."
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	Referred to Senate Gov. Operations				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	
	HB 4199	School start date: A bill that would eliminate the requirement that schools begin the school year after Labor Day unless they receive a waiver.	Reported by House Education on 10/5/21							MRA opposes the bill because of the impact on the tourism industry and retail in areas dependent on tourism. It also has a negative impact on hiring seasonal help.
OTHER	HJR F & SJR H	Ballot initiatives: House and Senate Joint Resolutions that would eliminate the legislature's current authority to take up ballot initiatives.	Referred to House/Senate Gov. Operations						Monitoring	This is likely in response to the legal challenge filed in May 2021 on the "adopt and amend" procedure used in 2018 on minimum wage and paid sick leave proposals.
	SB 507-509	Driver license/ID/registration extension: A package of bills that provide for the additional extension of renewal date by 120 days for state identification cards, enhanced and regular driver licenses and vehicle registrations that would have or will expire between March 31 and Aug. 1, 2021.	Skipped committee referral	Amended and passed Senate 25-10/32-3 on 6/10/21	Amended and reported by House Oversight on 6/24/21	Amended and passed House 95-14 on 6/30/21	Signed by Gov. Whitmer on 7/29/21	P.A. 71-71 of 2021 took effect on 7/29/21	Monitoring	The amended bills also include some added language requiring Secretary of State offices to be open for in-person appointments.
	SB 409	Distracted driving: A bill that would enhances penalties for operating a vehicle while sending or receiving a message on an electronic wireless device.	Referred to Senate Judiciary						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."	Amended and reported by House Judiciary on 5/11/21	Amended and passed House 104-4 on 5/25/21	Referred to Senate Judiciary				Monitoring	The description in the bill is pretty limiting on what an active shooter alarm includes.
	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	Hands-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.	Amended and reported by House Judiciary on 5/4/21	Amended on House Floor on 6/22/21					Monitoring	

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<u>SB 691</u>		Organized Retail Crime: Legislation that would add the crime of committing Organized Retail Crime to the racketeering statute. This would allow for additional penalties to strengthen ORC laws.							Monitoring	
<u>HB 5411</u>		Personal care product packaging at hotels: Legislation that would prohibit hotels with 50 rooms or more from providing travel-sized (6 oz or less), plastic containers with personal care products if the container is not biodegradable after Jan. 1, 2023 and for hotels or rentals with fewer than 50 room after Jan. 1, 2024. A hotel or host could provide a product to a guest upon the guest's request.	Referred to House Commerce						Monitoring	

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