

(3) Except as otherwise provided by the authority or this act, every note or bond issue of the authority shall be a general obligation of the authority payable out of revenues or money of the authority, subject only to agreements with the holders of particular notes or bonds pledging any particular receipts or revenues.

(4) Whether or not the notes or bonds are of a form or character as to be negotiable instruments, the notes or bonds are negotiable instruments within the meaning of the uniform commercial code, 1962 PA 174, MCL 440.1101 to 440.11102.

484.3211 Notes and bonds; issuance by resolution; form and terms; sale; prices.

Sec. 11. (1) The notes and bonds shall be authorized by resolution of the authority and mature at the time provided in the resolution. The notes and bonds shall be in a form, bear interest at a rate or rates, be in the denominations, carry registration privileges, be payable, and be subject to the terms of redemption as provided in the resolution.

(2) The notes and bonds of the authority may be sold by the authority at public or private sales at prices as the authority determines.

484.3212 Notes or bonds; contents of resolutions.

Sec. 12. A resolution relating to authorizing notes or bonds may contain any of the following provisions, which shall be a part of the contract with the holders of the notes or bonds:

(a) Pledging all or any part of the revenues of the authority, and all or any part of the money received in payment of loans and interest on loans, and other money received or to be received to secure the payment of the notes or bonds.

(b) Pledging all or any part of the assets of the authority, including mortgages and obligations obtained by the authority in connection with its programs, to secure the payment of the notes or bonds.

(c) Pledging any loan, grant, or contribution from a government entity.

(d) The use and disposition of the gross income from contracts and leases of the authority.

(e) The setting aside of reserves or sinking funds and the regulation and disposition of reserves or sinking funds.

(f) Limitations on the purpose to which the proceeds of sale of notes or bonds may be applied and pledging proceeds to secure the payment of the notes or bonds.

(g) Limitations on the issuance of additional notes or bonds, the terms upon which additional notes or bonds may be issued and secured, and the refunding of outstanding or other notes or bonds.

(h) The procedure, if any, by which the terms of any contract with noteholders or bondholders may be amended or abrogated, the amount of notes or bonds the holders of which shall consent to the amendment or abrogation, and the manner in which the consent is to be given.

(i) Vesting in a trustee or trustees property, rights, powers, and duties in trust as the authority may determine, which may include any of the rights, powers, and duties of the trustee appointed by the bondholders under this act and limiting or abrogating the right of the bondholders to appoint a trustee under this section or limiting the rights, powers, and duties of the trustee.

(j) Establishing a contractual right to require mandatory tender for purchase of the notes or bonds in an instrument separate from the notes or bonds. The instrument may be issued or sold by the authority to investors.

(k) Except as otherwise prohibited by this act, any other provision that may affect the security or protection of the notes or bonds.

(l) Delegating to an officer or other employee of the authority, or an agent designated by the authority, for a period of time as the authority determines, the power to cause the issue, sale, and delivery of the notes or bonds within limits on those notes or bonds established by the authority as to any of the following:

(i) The form.

(ii) The maximum interest rate or rates.

(iii) The maturity date or dates.

(iv) The purchase price.

(v) The denominations.

(vi) The redemption premiums.

(vii) The nature of the security.

(viii) The selection of the applicable interest rate index.

(ix) Other terms and conditions with respect to issuance of the notes or bonds as the authority shall prescribe.

484.3213 Money or property pledged and received by authority.

Sec. 13. (1) Any pledge made by the authority is valid and binding from the date that the pledge is made.

(2) The money or property pledged and received by the authority shall immediately be subject to the lien of the pledge without any physical delivery or further act and the lien of the pledge is valid and binding against all parties having claims in tort, contract, or otherwise against the authority, irrespective of whether the parties have notice of the lien.

(3) The resolution or any other instrument by which a pledge is created need not be recorded.

484.3214 Notes or bonds; personal liability.

Sec. 14. The members of the board or any person executing the notes or bonds under this act are not liable personally on the notes or bonds or subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance of the notes or bonds.

484.3215 Notes or bonds; power of authority to purchase.

Sec. 15. Subject to any agreements with noteholders or bondholders, the authority has the power to use any funds available to purchase notes or bonds of the authority at a price determined by the authority.

484.3216 Rights of authority to fulfill terms of agreement not limited, altered, or impaired.

Sec. 16. This state pledges and agrees with the holders of any notes or bonds issued under this act, that this state will not limit or alter the rights vested in the authority to fulfill the terms of any agreements made with the holders, or in any way impair the rights and remedies of the holders until the notes or bonds, together with earned interest, with interest on any unpaid installments of interest, and all costs and expenses in connection with any action or proceeding by or on behalf of the holders, are fully met and discharged. The authority is authorized to include this pledge and agreement of this state in any agreement with the holders of notes or bonds under this act.

484.3217 Notes or bonds as limited obligations.

Sec. 17. (1) The authority may issue notes or bonds that are expressly stated not to be general obligations of the authority but that constitute limited obligations of the authority payable solely from and secured solely by the revenues, money, and property as the authority may specify.

(2) The notes or bonds designated as limited obligations under this section shall not be payable from or secured by the reserve capital account, and any reserve fund established for the limited obligation notes or bonds shall not constitute a capital reserve fund under this act.

484.3218 Default.

Sec. 18. (1) If the authority defaults in the payment of principal or interest of any notes or bonds when due, whether at maturity or upon call for redemption, and the default continues for a period of 30 days, or if the authority fails or refuses to comply with this act, or defaults in any agreement made with the holders of any notes or bonds, the holders of 25% in aggregate principal amount of the notes or bonds then outstanding may apply to the circuit court of Ingham county for the appointment of a trustee to represent the holders of the notes or bonds.

(2) A trustee appointed under this act may, and upon the written request of the holders of 25% in aggregate principal amount of the notes or bonds shall, do any of the following:

(a) Enforce all rights of the noteholders or bondholders, including the right to require the authority to perform its duties under this act.

(b) Bring suit upon the notes or bonds.

(c) Require the authority to account as if it were the trustee of an express trust for the holders of the notes or bonds.

(d) Enjoin any acts or things that may be unlawful or in violation of the rights of the holders of the notes or bonds.

(e) Declare all the notes or bonds due and payable.

(3) Before declaring the principal of notes or bonds due and payable, the trustee shall first give 30 days' notice in writing to the governor, to the authority, and to the attorney general.

(4) The trustee has all of the powers necessary or appropriate for the general representation of bondholders or noteholders in the enforcement and protection of their rights.

(5) An action under this section shall be brought in the circuit court for the county of Ingham.

484.3219 Disposition of money held by authority.

Sec. 19. (1) Money of the authority shall be held by the authority and deposited in a financial institution approved by the state treasurer, which financial institution may give security for the deposits.

(2) The authority may, subject to the approval of the state treasurer, contract with the holders of any of its notes or bonds as to the custody, collection, securing, investment, and payment of money of the authority, of any money held in trust or otherwise for the payment of notes or bonds, and to carry out the contract. Money held in trust or otherwise for the payment of notes or bonds or in any way to secure notes or bonds and deposits of money may be secured in the same manner as money of the authority.

(3) The authority may enter into an interest rate exchange or swap, hedge, or similar agreement or agreements in connection with the issuance of its notes or bonds or in connection with its then outstanding notes or bonds.

484.3220 Notes and bonds as securities; investment.

Sec. 20. The notes and bonds of the authority are securities in which public officers and bodies of this state and municipalities and municipal subdivisions, insurance companies and associations and other persons carrying on an insurance business, banks, trust companies, savings banks and savings associations, savings and loan associations, investment companies, administrators, guardians, executors, trustees and other fiduciaries, and any other person who is now or may be authorized to invest in bonds or other obligations of this state, may properly and legally invest funds, including capital, in their control or belonging to them.

484.3221 Full faith and credit bonds; issuance; vote.

Sec. 21. The authority, at its discretion, may recommend an issuance of full faith and credit bonds to the legislature for a vote of the people.

484.3222 Notes and bonds; exemption from tax.

Sec. 22. This state covenants with the purchasers and all subsequent holders and transferees of notes and bonds issued by the authority, in consideration of the acceptance of and payment for the notes and bonds, that the notes and bonds of the authority, issued under this act and the income from the notes and bonds and all its fees, charges, grants, revenues, receipts, and other money received or to be received, pledged to pay or secure the payment of the notes or bonds shall at all times be free and exempt from all state, city, county, or other taxation provided by the laws of this state, except for estate and gift taxes and taxes on transfers.

484.3223 Property; exemption from tax.

Sec. 23. The property of the authority and its income and operation are exempt from all taxation by this state or any of its political subdivisions.

484.3224 Annual report.

Sec. 24. The authority shall submit an annual report no later than March 1 of each year relating to its activities for the preceding calendar year to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the majority leader of the senate, and to each member of the house and senate committees with oversight over utility and energy issues.

484.3225 New partnerships or joint ventures; limitation.

Sec. 25. Except to the extent necessary to maintain, improve, complete, or expand within the defined service area, an element of the broadband infrastructure already acquired or financed under this act, the authority shall not enter into new partnerships or other joint ventures arrangements or provide new loans or joint venture and partnership arrangements after December 31, 2008.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved March 14, 2002.

Filed with Secretary of State March 14, 2002.

[No. 50]**(SB 999)**

AN ACT to amend 1905 PA 282, entitled “An act to provide for the assessment of the property, by whomsoever owned, operated or conducted, of railroad companies, union station and depot companies, telegraph companies, telephone companies, sleeping car companies, express companies, car loaning companies, stock car companies, refrigerator car companies, and fast freight companies, and all other companies owning, leasing, running or operating any freight, stock, refrigerator, or any other cars, not being exclusively the property of any railroad company paying taxes upon its rolling stock under the provisions of this act, over or upon the line or lines of any railroad or railroads in this state, and for the levy of taxes thereon by a state board of assessors, and for the collection of such taxes, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts contravening any of the provisions of this act,” (MCL 207.1 to 207.21) by adding section 13b.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

207.13b Tax credit; amount; limitation; prohibition; credit against remaining tax; carrying forward credit to offset tax liability in subsequent years; application; submission to state board of assessors; form; definitions.

Sec. 13b. (1) Subject to subsections (2), (3), and (4), a company shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this act for the tax year equal to 6% of eligible expenditures incurred in the calendar year immediately preceding the tax year for which the credit under this subsection is claimed.

(2) The amount of the credit under subsection (1) shall be limited as follows:

(a) For the 2003 tax year, the credit shall not exceed 3% of the company’s liability for the tax levied under this act in the 2003 tax year.

(b) For the 2004 tax year, the credit shall not exceed the greater of 6% of the company’s liability for the tax levied under this act in the 2004 tax year or 100% of the credit the company received under this subsection in the 2003 tax year.

(c) For the 2005 tax year, the credit shall not exceed the greater of 9% of the company’s liability for the tax levied under this act in the 2005 tax year or 100% of the credit the company received under this subsection in the 2004 tax year.

(d) For the 2006 tax year and each year after the 2006 tax year, the credit shall not exceed the greater of 12% of the company’s liability for the tax levied under this act in the tax year in which the credit is claimed or 100% of the credit the company received under this subsection in the immediately preceding tax year.

(3) The amount of the credit under subsection (1) shall not exceed a company’s liability for the tax levied under this act in the tax year in which the credit is claimed.

(4) A credit under subsection (1) may not be claimed by a company in a tax year in which 1 or more of the following conditions apply:

(a) The company is not subject to the annual maintenance fee required under section 8 of the metropolitan extension telecommunications rights-of-way oversight act.

(b) The company is subject to the annual maintenance fees required under section 8 of the metropolitan extension telecommunications rights-of-way oversight act, and has failed to pay the annual maintenance fees that are due and payable as of May 1 in that year.

(5) After any credit under subsection (1) is determined, a company shall be allowed a credit against any remaining tax imposed under this act equal to the credit allowed under section 8 of the metropolitan extension telecommunications rights-of-way oversight act, less the amount of any credit determined under subsection (1). If the credit allowed under this subsection for the tax year and any unused carryforward of the credit allowed by this subsection exceed the company's remaining tax liability for the tax year after any credit under subsection (1) is determined, that portion of the credit that exceeds the remaining tax liability for the tax year shall not be refunded but may be carried forward to offset any tax liability in subsequent tax years that remains after any credit claimed under subsection (1) in that subsequent tax year is determined until used up. A credit may not be claimed under this subsection in a tax year in which 1 or more of the conditions set forth in subsection (4) apply.

(6) A company may apply for the credit under subsection (1) by submitting to the state board of assessors an application in a form prescribed by the state board of assessors at the time the annual report required under section 6 is due.

(7) A company may apply for the credit under subsection (5) by submitting to the state board of assessors an application in a form prescribed by the state board of assessors before May 1.

(8) As used in this section:

(a) "Eligible expenditures" means expenditures made by a company to purchase and install eligible equipment after December 31, 2001.

(b) "Eligible equipment" means property placed into service in this state for the first time with information carrying capability in excess of 200 kilobits per second in both directions.

Conditional effective date.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless Senate Bill No. 880 of the 91st Legislature is enacted into law.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved March 14, 2002.

Filed with Secretary of State March 14, 2002.

Compiler's note: Senate Bill No. 880, referred to in enacting section 1, was filed with the Secretary of State March 14, 2002, and became P.A. 2002, No. 48, Eff. Nov. 1, 2002.

[No. 51]

(HB 4672)

AN ACT to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "An act to provide a system of public instruction and elementary and secondary schools; to revise, consolidate, and clarify the laws relating to elementary and secondary education; to provide for the organization, regulation, and maintenance of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to prescribe rights, powers, duties, and privileges of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to provide for the regulation of school teachers and certain other school employees; to provide for school elections and to prescribe powers and duties with respect thereto; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes; to provide for the borrowing of money and issuance of bonds and

other evidences of indebtedness; to establish a fund and provide for expenditures from that fund; to provide for and prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to provide for licensure of boarding schools; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1178a.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

380.1178a Administration of medications; duties of department.

Sec. 1178a. (1) Not later than October 1, 2002, the department shall do all of the following:

(a) Review all guidelines, policies, or other publications produced by the department or another state agency concerning administration of medications to pupils at school and revise them as necessary.

(b) Make available to all school districts, intermediate school districts, and public school academies a model local policy concerning administration of medications to pupils at school.

(2) The model local policy developed under subsection (1) shall address the type and amount of training that may be required for persons who participate in administering medications to pupils at school. In developing this part of the policy, the department may consider training programs offered by the Michigan association of school nurses and by other public health organizations.

(3) Not later than 1 year after the effective date of this section, each school board, intermediate school board, and public school academy board of directors shall review its local policy concerning administration of medications to pupils at school. This review shall take place at a public meeting.

(4) School boards, intermediate school boards, and public school academy boards of directors are encouraged to align their local policies with the model policy developed under subsection (1) and are encouraged to provide appropriate training to persons who participate in administering medications to pupils at school.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved March 12, 2002.

Filed with Secretary of State March 15, 2002.

[No. 52]

(SB 796)

AN ACT to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge of certain substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, and assessments; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts,” by amending sections 1902, 1903, and 1904 (MCL 324.1902, 324.1903, and 324.1904), section 1902 as amended by 1996 PA 134 and sections 1903 and 1904 as added by 1995 PA 60, and by adding section 1907a.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

324.1902 Michigan natural resources trust fund; establishment; contents; transfer of amount to Michigan state parks endowment fund; receipts; investment; report on accounting of revenues and expenditures.

Sec. 1902. (1) In accordance with section 35 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, the Michigan natural resources trust fund is established in the state treasury. The trust fund shall consist of all bonuses, rentals, delayed rentals, and royalties collected or reserved by the state under provisions of leases for the extraction of nonrenewable resources from state owned lands. However, the trust fund shall not include bonuses, rentals, delayed rentals, and royalties collected or reserved by the state from the following sources:

(a) State owned lands acquired with money appropriated from the game and fish protection fund created in part 435.

(b) State owned lands acquired with money appropriated from the subfund account created by former section 4 of former 1976 PA 204.

(c) State owned lands acquired with money appropriated from related federal funds made available to the state under chapter 899, 50 Stat. 917, 16 U.S.C. 669 to 669b and 669c to 669i, commonly known as the federal aid in wildlife restoration act, or chapter 658, 64 Stat. 430, 16 U.S.C. 777 to 777e, 777f to 777i, and 777k to 777l, commonly known as the federal aid in fish restoration act.

(d) Money received by the state from net proceeds allocable to the nonconventional fuel credit contained in section 29 of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. 29, as provided for in section 503.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), until the trust fund reaches an accumulated principal of \$500,000,000.00, \$10,000,000.00 of the revenues from bonuses, rentals, delayed rentals, and royalties described in this section, but not including money received by the state from net proceeds allocable to the nonconventional fuel credit contained in section 29 of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. 29, as provided for in section 503, otherwise dedicated to the trust fund that are received by the trust fund each state fiscal year shall be transferred to the state treasurer for deposit into the Michigan state parks endowment fund created in section 74119. However, until the trust fund reaches an accumulated principal of \$500,000,000.00, in any state fiscal year, not more than 50% of the total revenues from bonuses, rentals, delayed rentals, and royalties described in this section, but not including net proceeds allocable to the nonconventional fuel credit contained in section 29 of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. 29, as provided in section 503, otherwise dedicated to the trust fund that are received by the trust fund each state fiscal year shall be transferred to the Michigan state parks endowment fund. To implement this subsection, until the trust fund reaches an accumulated principal of \$500,000,000.00, the department shall transfer 50% of the money received by the trust fund each month pursuant to subsection (1) to the state treasurer for deposit into the Michigan state parks endowment fund. The department shall make this transfer on the last day of each month or as soon as practicable thereafter. However, not more than a total of \$10,000,000.00 shall be transferred in any state fiscal year pursuant to this subsection.

(3) In addition to the contents of the trust fund described in subsection (1), the trust fund shall consist of money transferred to the trust fund pursuant to section 1909.

(4) The trust fund may receive appropriations, money, or other things of value.

(5) The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the trust fund. The state treasurer shall have the same authority to invest the assets of the trust fund as is granted to an investment fiduciary under the public employee retirement system investment act, 1965 PA 314, MCL 38.1132 to 38.1140l.

(6) The department shall annually prepare a report containing an accounting of revenues and expenditures from the trust fund. This report shall identify the interest and earnings of the trust fund from the previous year, the investment performance of the trust fund during the previous year, and the total amount of appropriations from the trust fund during the previous year. This report shall be provided to the senate and house of representatives appropriations committees and the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over issues pertaining to natural resources and the environment.

324.1903 Expenditures.

Sec. 1903. (1) Subject to the limitations of this part and of section 35 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, the interest and earnings of the trust fund in any 1 state fiscal year may be expended in subsequent state fiscal years only for the following purposes:

(a) The acquisition of land or rights in land for recreational uses or protection of the land because of its environmental importance or its scenic beauty.

(b) The development of public recreation facilities.

(c) The administration of the fund, including payments in lieu of taxes on state owned land purchased through the trust fund.

(2) In addition to the money described in subsection (1), 33-1/3% of the money, exclusive of interest and earnings, received by the trust fund in any state fiscal year may be expended in subsequent state fiscal years for the purposes described in subsection (1). However, the authorization for the expenditure of money provided in this subsection does not apply after the state fiscal year in which the total amount of money in the trust fund, exclusive of interest and earnings and amounts authorized for expenditure under this section, exceeds \$500,000,000.00.

(3) An expenditure from the trust fund may be made in the form of a grant to a local unit of government, subject to the following conditions:

(a) The grant is used for the purposes described in subsection (1) and meets the requirements of either subdivision (b) or (c).

(b) A grant for the purposes described in subsection (1)(a) is matched by the local unit of government or public authority with at least 25% of the total cost of the project.

(c) A grant for the purposes described in subsection (1)(b) is matched by the local unit of government with 25% or more of the total cost of the project.

(4) Not less than 25% of the total amounts made available for expenditure from the trust fund from any state fiscal year shall be expended for acquisition of land and rights in land, and not more than 25% of the total amounts made available for expenditure from the trust fund from any state fiscal year shall be expended for development of public recreation facilities.

(5) If property that was acquired with money from the trust fund is subsequently sold or transferred by the state to a nongovernmental entity, the state shall forward to the state treasurer for deposit into the trust fund an amount of money equal to the following:

(a) If the property was acquired solely with trust fund money, the greatest of the following:

(i) The net proceeds of the sale.

(ii) The fair market value of the property at the time of the sale or transfer.

(iii) The amount of money that was expended from the trust fund to acquire the property.

(b) If the property was acquired with a combination of trust fund money and other restricted funding sources governed by federal or state law, an amount equal to the percentage of the funds contributed by the trust fund for the acquisition of the property multiplied by the greatest of subdivision (a)(i), (ii), or (iii).

324.1904 Limitation on amount accumulated in trust fund; deposit and distribution of amount.

Sec. 1904. The amount accumulated in the trust fund shall not exceed \$500,000,000.00, exclusive of interest and earnings and amounts authorized for expenditure under this part. Any amount of money that would be a part of the trust fund but for the limitation stated in this section shall be deposited in the Michigan state parks endowment fund created in section 74119, until the Michigan state parks endowment fund reaches an accumulated principal of \$800,000,000.00. After the Michigan state parks endowment fund reaches an accumulated principal of \$800,000,000.00, any money that would be part of the Michigan state parks endowment fund but for this limitation shall be distributed as provided by law.

324.1907a Project status; report.

Sec. 1907a. If within 2 years after a parcel of property that is approved for acquisition or development by the legislature has not been acquired or developed in the manner determined by the board and is not open for public use, the board shall report to the standing committees of the senate and the house of representatives with jurisdiction over issues related to natural resources and the environment on the status of the project and the reason why the property has not been purchased or developed in the manner determined by the board.

Conditional effective date.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless Senate Joint Resolution T of the 91st Legislature becomes a part of the state constitution of 1963 as provided in section 1 of article XII of the state constitution of 1963.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved March 12, 2002.

Filed with Secretary of State March 15, 2002.

Compiler's note: Senate Joint Resolution T, referred to in enacting section 1, was submitted to, and approved by, the electors as Proposal 02-2 at a special election held at the same time as the August 6, 2002 statewide primary election. This amendment to the Constitution of Michigan of 1963 became effective September 21, 2002.

[No. 53]

(SB 797)

AN ACT to amend 1946 (1st Ex Sess) PA 9, entitled "An act to create the Michigan veterans' trust fund, and to define who shall be eligible to receive assistance therefrom; to provide for the disbursement of the income thereof and surplus therein; to create a board of trustees, and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for county and district committees, and their powers, duties, and expenses; to prescribe penalties; and to make appropriations to carry out the provisions of this act," by amending section 5 (MCL 35.605).

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

35.605 Earnings of Michigan veterans' trust fund; allocation; investment; accounting.

Sec. 5. (1) The earnings of the Michigan veterans' trust fund shall be allocated from time to time by the board of trustees as follows:

(a) The operating expenses of the fund shall be approved annually and funded from the surplus earnings.

(b) Fifty percent of the remaining surplus in and the earnings of the fund shall be allocated for distribution to county and district committees on the basis of need as determined by the board.

(c) The balance of the surplus in and earnings of the trust fund after allocations under subdivisions (a) and (b) shall be allocated in part or in whole to the several county and district committees on the basis of veteran population. The funds made available to the board of trustees for distribution to county and district committees on the basis of need as determined by the board of trustees shall be disbursed only for the same purposes of providing for needs of Michigan veterans as defined by 1965 PA 190, MCL 35.61 to 35.62, or their dependents as are the funds allocated to county and district committees on the basis of veteran population.

(2) The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the Michigan veterans' trust fund. The state treasurer shall have the same authority to invest the assets of the trust fund as is granted to an investment fiduciary under the public employee retirement system investment act, 1965 PA 314, MCL 38.1132 to 38.1140/. The trust fund shall be considered state funds and shall be protected by the official bond of the state treasurer.

(3) The state treasurer shall annually prepare an accounting of revenues and expenditures from the trust fund. This accounting shall specifically identify the interest and earnings of the trust fund, shall describe how the amount of interest and earnings has been affected by the expanded investment options provided for in subsection (2), and shall identify how the increased interest and earnings, if any, have been expended. This accounting shall be provided to the senate and house of representatives appropriations committees.

Conditional effective date.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless Senate Joint Resolution T becomes a part of the state constitution of 1963 as provided in section 1 of article XII of the state constitution of 1963.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 54]

(SB 798)

AN ACT to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to

the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge of certain substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, and assessments; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending section 74119 (MCL 324.74119), as added by 1995 PA 58.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

324.74119 Michigan state parks endowment fund.

Sec. 74119. (1) In accordance with section 35a of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, the Michigan state parks endowment fund is created within the state treasury. The Michigan state parks endowment fund may be referred to as the Genevieve Gillette state parks endowment fund.

(2) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the endowment fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the endowment fund. The state treasurer shall have the same authority to invest the assets of the endowment fund as is granted to an investment fiduciary under the public employee retirement system investment act, 1965 PA 314, MCL 38.1132 to 38.1140l. The state treasurer shall credit to the endowment fund interest and earnings from endowment fund investments.

(3) Money in the endowment fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the endowment fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

(4) The accumulated principal of the endowment fund shall not exceed \$800,000,000.00, which amount shall be annually adjusted pursuant to the Detroit consumer price index—all items beginning when the endowment fund reaches \$800,000,000.00. This annually adjusted figure is the accumulated principal limit of the endowment fund.

(5) Money in the endowment fund shall be expended for operations, maintenance, and capital improvements at Michigan state parks and for the acquisition of land or rights in land for Michigan state parks.

(6) Money in the endowment fund shall be expended as follows:

(a) Until the endowment fund reaches an accumulated principal of \$800,000,000.00, each state fiscal year the legislature may appropriate not more than 50% of the money received under section 35 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963 plus interest and earnings and any private contributions or other revenue to the endowment fund.

(b) Once the accumulated principal in the endowment fund reaches \$800,000,000.00, only the interest and earnings of the endowment fund in excess of the amount necessary to maintain the endowment fund's accumulated principal limit shall be expended.

(7) Unexpended appropriations of the endowment fund from any state fiscal year as authorized by this section may be carried forward or may be appropriated as determined by the legislature for purposes of this section.

(8) The department shall annually prepare a report containing an accounting of revenues and expenditures from the endowment fund. This report shall identify the interest and earnings of the endowment fund from the previous year, the investment performance of the endowment fund during the previous year, and the total amount of appropriations from the endowment fund during the previous year. This report shall be provided to the senate and house of representatives appropriations committees and the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over issues pertaining to natural resources and the environment.

Conditional effective date.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless Senate Joint Resolution T becomes a part of the state constitution of 1963 as provided in section 1 of article XII of the state constitution of 1963.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved March 12, 2002.

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Compiler's note: Senate Joint Resolution T, referred to in enacting section 1, was submitted to, and approved by, the electors as Proposal 02-2 at a special election held at the same time as the August 6, 2002 statewide primary election. This amendment to the Constitution of Michigan of 1963 became effective September 21, 2002.

[No. 55]**(SB 799)**

AN ACT to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge of certain substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, and assessments; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending section 43902 (MCL 324.43902), as amended by 2000 PA 69.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

324.43902 Nongame fish and wildlife trust fund.

Sec. 43902. (1) The nongame fish and wildlife trust fund is created in the state treasury. The trust fund shall consist of all money credited to the trust fund pursuant to section 439 of the income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.439, and section 811~~l~~ of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.811~~l~~, and any interest and earnings accruing from the saving and investment of that money.

(2) The trust fund may receive appropriations, money, or other things of value.

(3) The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the trust fund. The state treasurer shall have the same authority to invest the assets of the trust fund as is granted to an investment fiduciary under the public employee retirement system investment act, 1965 PA 314, MCL 38.1132 to 38.1140~~l~~.

(4) The department shall annually prepare a report containing an accounting of revenues and expenditures from the trust fund. This report shall identify the interest and earnings of the trust fund from the previous year, the investment performance of the trust fund during the previous year, and the total amount of appropriations from the trust fund during the previous year. This report shall be provided to the senate and house of representatives appropriations committees and the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over issues pertaining to natural resources and the environment.

Conditional effective date.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless Senate Joint Resolution T of the 91st Legislature becomes a part of the state constitution of 1963 as provided in section 1 of article XII of the state constitution of 1963.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 56]**(SB 800)**

AN ACT to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge of certain substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, and assessments; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending section 43704 (MCL 324.43704), as amended by 2001 PA 50.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

324.43704 Investment of trust fund; report on accounting of revenues and expenditures.

Sec. 43704. (1) The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the trust fund. The state treasurer shall have the same authority to invest the assets of the trust fund as is granted to an investment fiduciary under the public employee retirement system investment act, 1965 PA 314, MCL 38.1132 to 38.1140l.

(2) The department shall annually prepare a report containing an accounting of revenues and expenditures from the trust fund. This report shall identify the interest and earnings of the trust fund from the previous year, the investment performance of the trust fund during the previous year, and the total amount of appropriations from the trust fund during the previous year. This report shall be provided to the senate and house of representatives appropriations committees and the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over issues pertaining to natural resources and the environment.

Conditional effective date.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless Senate Joint Resolution T of the 91st Legislature becomes a part of the state constitution of 1963 as provided in section 1 of article XII of the state constitution of 1963.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 57]**(SB 801)**

AN ACT to amend 1984 PA 22, entitled “An act to establish the Michigan civilian conservation corps; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state officers, agencies, and departments; to create and provide for the use of an endowment fund; and to provide for an appropriation,” by amending section 12a (MCL 409.312a), as added by 1994 PA 394.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

409.312a Michigan civilian conservation corps endowment fund; creation; disposition, investment, and credit of money and assets; money to remain in endowment fund; expenditure of interest and earnings; report on accounting of revenues and expenditures.

Sec. 12a. (1) The Michigan civilian conservation corps endowment fund is created within the state treasury.

(2) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the endowment fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the endowment fund. The state treasurer shall have the same authority to invest the assets of the endowment fund as is granted to an investment fiduciary under the public employee retirement system investment act, 1965 PA 314, MCL 38.1132 to 38.1140^l. The state treasurer shall credit to the endowment fund interest and earnings from endowment fund investments.

(3) Money in the endowment fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the endowment fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

(4) The department with the concurrence of the commission, shall expend only the interest and earnings of the endowment fund for the operation of the corps.

(5) The department shall annually prepare a report containing an accounting of revenues and expenditures from the endowment fund. This report shall identify the interest and earnings of the endowment fund from the previous year, the investment performance of the endowment fund during the previous year, and the total amount of appropriations from the endowment fund during the previous year. This report shall be provided to the senate and house of representatives appropriations committees and the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over issues pertaining to natural resources and the environment.

Conditional effective date.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless Senate Joint Resolution T of the 91st Legislature becomes a part of the state constitution of 1963 as provided in section 1 of article XII of the state constitution of 1963.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 58]**(HB 5404)**

AN ACT to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “An act to provide a system of public instruction and elementary and secondary schools; to revise, consolidate, and clarify the laws relating to elementary and secondary education; to provide for the organization, regulation, and maintenance of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to prescribe rights, powers, duties, and privileges of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to provide for the regulation of school teachers and certain other school employees; to provide for school elections and to prescribe powers and duties with respect thereto; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes; to provide for the borrowing of money and issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness; to establish a fund and provide for expenditures from that fund; to provide for and prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to provide for licensure of boarding schools; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 442 (MCL 380.442), as amended by 1985 PA 22.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

380.442 Borrowing powers of first class school district board; limitations on loans and bonds.

Sec. 442. (1) The first class school district board may do all of the following:

(a) Borrow, subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, for temporary school purposes sums of money and give notes of the district for temporary school purposes.

(b) Borrow, subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, sums of money for the purpose of purchasing sites for buildings, playgrounds, or athletic fields and purchasing or erecting and equipping a building or making a permanent improvement that it is authorized to make. The board may accomplish this by the issuance and sale of bonds of the school district on terms the board considers advisable, or by other reasonable means. The board shall designate officers to execute the bonds on behalf of the school district. The designated officers may include the chief fiscal officer.

(2) A loan shall not be made, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, for a sum that, together with the total outstanding bonded indebtedness of the school district, exceeds 5% of the state equalized valuation of the taxable property within the district, unless the proposition of making the loans or of issuing bonds is submitted to a vote of the school electors of the district at a general or special school election and approved by the majority of the school electors voting on the question. Regardless of the amount of outstanding bonded indebtedness of the school district, a vote of the school electors is not necessary in order to issue bonds for a purpose described in section 1274a. Loans may be made or bonds may be issued for the purposes stated in this section in an amount equal to that provided by part 17.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 59]**(HB 5405)**

AN ACT to amend 1961 PA 108, entitled “An act to provide for loans by the state of Michigan to school districts for the payment of principal and interest upon school bonds; to prescribe the terms and conditions of the loans and the conditions upon which levies for bond principal and interest shall be included in computing the amount to be so loaned by the state; to prescribe the powers and duties of the superintendent of public instruction and the state treasurer in relation to such loans; to provide for the repayment of such loans; to provide incentives for repayment of such loans; to provide for other matters in respect to such loans; and to make an appropriation,” by amending section 4 (MCL 388.954), as amended by 1992 PA 228.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

388.954 Issuance of certificate qualifying bond issue; application; findings; refunding bonds; applicability of subsection (1)(f) to certain bond issues.

Sec. 4. (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall issue his or her certificate qualifying an issue of bonds, upon application for a certificate being made by the school district, if the superintendent finds the following:

(a) That the last maturity date of the issue of bonds is not less than 10 years from the issuance date appearing on the bonds subject to the following qualifications and exceptions:

(i) Except for bonds issued for a purpose described in section 1274a of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1274a, or as otherwise provided in this subparagraph, if the ratio of debt to valuation of the school district exceeds 4%, the last maturity date of the issue of bonds shall be not less than 15 years from the issuance date appearing on the bonds; if the ratio of debt to valuation of the school district exceeds 7%, the last maturity date of the issue of bonds shall be not less than 25 years from the issuance date appearing on the bonds; or if the ratio of debt to valuation of the school district exceeds 12%, the last maturity date of the issue of bonds shall be not less than 29 years from the issuance date appearing on the bonds. Regardless of the ratio of debt to valuation of a school district, the state treasurer may authorize the last maturity date of an issue of bonds of that school district to be not less than 10 years from the issuance date appearing on the bonds if the state treasurer determines it is financially beneficial to the state or to the school district. As used in this section, “ratio of debt to valuation” means that ratio arrived at by dividing the total tax supported bonded indebtedness of the school district outstanding as of the date of the filing of the application required by this act, including the bonds proposed to be qualified, by the assessed valuation of the school district as last equalized by the state. The refunding part of any proposed issue of bonds shall not be included in the total indebtedness of the school district for the purposes of this section.

(ii) If the bonds are issued for a purpose described in section 1274a of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1274a, the last maturity of the issue of bonds may be less than 10 years from the issuance date appearing on the bonds but not less than the number of years approved by the superintendent of public instruction in the certificate of qualification. The certificate of qualification of the superintendent of public instruction shall contain a certification and approval that the bonds are issued for such a purpose, which approval shall be final and conclusive and shall set forth the minimum number of years for the last maturity of the bonds.

(b) That the yearly principal maturity date is not less than 5 months after the major part of the taxes for the bonds becomes by law a lien upon the property assessed.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, that the amount of principal maturing in any calendar year is not less than the amount of principal maturing in any prior calendar year and, except for bonds issued for a purpose described in section 1274a of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1274a, if the ratio of debt to valuation of the school district exceeds 12%, that the first 10 principal maturities do not in the aggregate exceed 25% of the total principal amount of the bonds proposed to be qualified. Regardless of the amount of principal maturing in any calendar year and regardless of the ratio of debt to valuation of the school district, the state treasurer may authorize principal maturities in any amount if the state treasurer determines it is financially beneficial to the state or to the school district. At the request of the school district, the state treasurer may grant that authorization as part of the procedure of preliminary qualification under subdivision (f).

(d) That the cost of the project for which the bonds are to be issued is within reasonable standards of cost as established by the state board of education, which standards may vary as to different localities in accordance with any variance in construction costs between localities.

(e) Except for bonds issued for a purpose described in section 1274a of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1274a, that there exists a need for the project based upon current and probable future enrollment and that the project is designed to provide school facilities reasonably adequate to meet that need.

(f) Subject to subsection (3), if a bond issue requires an election, that a bond issue that a school district wishes to qualify has been given preliminary qualification prior to the official action of the board of education calling for the election on the bond issue.

(g) If the bonds are issued for a purpose described in section 1274a of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1274a, and if the bonds have not been approved by a majority of the school electors voting on the question, that the school district has demonstrated and the state treasurer has approved the method of payment for, and the ability to pay, the bonds.

(2) For refunding bonds issued to refund bonds issued before May 4, 1955, the superintendent of public instruction shall issue the certificate of qualification if the superintendent finds that the refunding bonds comply with the requirements set forth in subsection (1)(c). For refunding bonds issued to refund bonds issued on or after May 4, 1955, or issued to refund loans from the state made under the authority of this act, the superintendent shall issue the certificate of qualification if the superintendent finds that the refunding bonds comply with the requirements set forth in subsection (1)(c) and also that the refunding bonds are being issued to refund loans from the state made under the authority of this act or that the bonds representing the original indebtedness either were qualified or satisfied the requirements for qualification set forth in subsection (1)(d) and (e) in effect when issued or would have satisfied the requirements set forth in subsection (1)(d) and (e) had those requirements been in effect when the bonds were issued. Refunding bonds issued to refund loans from the state made under the authority of this act shall be considered as refunding bonds for all purposes including section 16 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963.

(3) The requirement of subsection (1)(f) does not apply to a bond issue that is approved by the school district electors between December 31, 1990 and July 1, 1991 and that is in part ineligible for qualification. A series of bonds for such a bond issue may be qualified by the superintendent of public instruction if it is limited to either a project or projects eligible for qualification or refunding of obligations issued for a purpose described in section 1274a of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1274a, or both.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 60]**(HB 5406)**

AN ACT to repeal 1973 PA 12, entitled “An act to provide for emergency financial assistance for school districts; to prescribe certain powers and duties of the intermediate board of education in connection therewith; to provide certain powers and duties of the state board of education in connection therewith; to create an emergency loan revolving fund; and to make an appropriation,” (MCL 388.251 to 388.271).

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Repeal of §§ 388.251 to 388.271.

Enacting section 1. 1973 PA 12, MCL 388.251 to 388.271, is repealed.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 61]**(HB 5407)**

AN ACT to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “An act to provide a system of public instruction and elementary and secondary schools; to revise, consolidate, and clarify the laws relating to elementary and secondary education; to provide for the organization, regulation, and maintenance of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to prescribe rights, powers, duties, and privileges of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to provide for the regulation of school teachers and certain other school employees; to provide for school elections and to prescribe powers and duties with respect thereto; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes; to provide for the borrowing of money and issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness; to establish a fund and provide for expenditures from that fund; to provide for and prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to provide for licensure of boarding schools; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 629 (MCL 380.629), as amended by 1997 PA 152.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

380.629 Borrowing by intermediate school board; purposes; limitations on borrowing money or issuing bonds; resolution by constituent school district not to participate in cooperative program or conduct election.

Sec. 629. (1) An intermediate school board may borrow, subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, sums of money on terms the intermediate school board considers necessary for 1 or more of the following purposes:

(a) For temporary purposes for which the intermediate school board may give notes of the intermediate school district. The intermediate school board shall not borrow a sum that exceeds the amount that has been voted by the intermediate school board or the school electors of the intermediate school district.

(b) To purchase sites for buildings; to purchase, erect, complete, remodel, improve, furnish, refurbish, equip, or reequip buildings and facilities the board is authorized to acquire, including, but not limited to, general administrative, vocational, or special education buildings or facilities, or parts of those buildings or facilities, or additions to those buildings or facilities, and prepare, develop, or improve sites for those buildings or facilities; to purchase and install information technology systems, together with the equipment and software, as are necessary for programs conducted by the intermediate school district under section 627(2); and to issue and sell bonds of the intermediate school district in the form and on the terms the board considers advisable.

(2) An intermediate school board shall not borrow money or issue bonds for a sum that, together with the total outstanding bonded indebtedness of the intermediate school district, exceeds 1/9 of 1% of the state equalized valuation of the taxable property within the district, unless the question of borrowing the money or issuing bonds is submitted first to a vote of the school electors of the intermediate school district held under sections 661 and 662 and approved by the majority of the registered school electors voting on the question. Regardless of the amount of outstanding bonded indebtedness of the intermediate school district, a vote of the school electors is not necessary in order to issue bonds for a purpose described in section 1274a or to issue bonds under section 11i of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1611i. Money may be borrowed and bonds may be issued for the purposes stated in this section in an amount equal to that provided by part 17. For the purposes of this subsection, bonds authorized by vote of the school electors for special education facilities under part 30 and for area vocational-technical education facilities under sections 681 to 690 and bonds issued under section 11i of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1611i, shall not be included in computing the total outstanding bonded indebtedness of an intermediate school district.

(3) Not later than 30 days after receipt of notice that the question of issuing bonds under this section to purchase and install information technology systems as are necessary for a cooperative program under section 627(2) will be submitted to the school electors of the intermediate school district, the board of a constituent school district by resolution may elect not to participate in the cooperative program and not to conduct an election on the question within the constituent school district.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved March 14, 2002.

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[No. 62]

(HB 5408)

AN ACT to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “An act to provide a system of public instruction and elementary and secondary schools; to revise, consolidate, and clarify the laws relating to elementary and secondary education; to provide for the organization, regulation, and maintenance of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to prescribe rights, powers, duties, and privileges of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to provide for the regulation of school teachers and certain other school employees; to provide for school elections and to prescribe powers and duties with respect thereto; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes; to provide for the borrowing of money and issuance of bonds and

other evidences of indebtedness; to establish a fund and provide for expenditures from that fund; to provide for and prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to provide for licensure of boarding schools; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 687 (MCL 380.687), as amended by 1995 PA 289.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

380.687 Borrowing money and issuing bonds; purposes; limitation; submission to school electors; form of ballot.

Sec. 687. (1) An intermediate school board in which an area vocational-technical education program is established, by a majority vote of the intermediate school electors voting on the question at an annual or at a special election called for that purpose, may borrow money and issue bonds of the intermediate school district subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, to defray all or part of the cost of purchasing, erecting, completing, remodeling, improving, furnishing, refurbishing, equipping, or reequipping area vocational-technical buildings and other facilities, or parts of buildings and other facilities or additions to buildings and other facilities; acquiring, preparing, developing, or improving sites, or parts of sites or additions to sites, for area vocational-technical buildings and other facilities; refunding all or part of existing bonded indebtedness; or accomplishing a combination of the foregoing purposes. An intermediate school district shall not issue bonds under this part for an amount greater than 1.5% of the total assessed valuation of the intermediate school district.

(2) A bond qualified under section 16 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963 and implementing legislation shall not be included for purposes of calculating the foregoing 1.5% limitation.

(3) An intermediate school board may submit a proposal to issue bonds of the intermediate school district, authorized under this section, to the intermediate school electors at the same election at which the intermediate school electors vote on the establishment of an area vocational-technical education program. If these questions are presented to the school electors at the same election, the board shall include the bond proposal in the 60-day notice given the boards of constituent districts. The establishment of an area vocational-technical education program shall become effective if approved by a majority of the intermediate school electors voting on the question. The authority to issue bonds is effective only if a majority of the intermediate school electors approve both the establishment of the area vocational-technical education program and the issuance of bonds.

(4) The ballot used in submitting the question of borrowing money and issuing bonds under this section shall be in substantially the following form:

“Shall _____ (here state the legal name of the intermediate school district designating the name of a district of not less than 18,000 pupils or first class school district that has elected not to come under this act as far as an area vocational-technical education program is concerned) state of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed \$_____ and issue its bonds therefor, for the purpose of _____?”

Yes ()

No ()”.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 63]**(HB 5409)**

AN ACT to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “An act to provide a system of public instruction and elementary and secondary schools; to revise, consolidate, and clarify the laws relating to elementary and secondary education; to provide for the organization, regulation, and maintenance of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to prescribe rights, powers, duties, and privileges of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to provide for the regulation of school teachers and certain other school employees; to provide for school elections and to prescribe powers and duties with respect thereto; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes; to provide for the borrowing of money and issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness; to establish a fund and provide for expenditures from that fund; to provide for and prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to provide for licensure of boarding schools; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 1215 (MCL 380.1215).

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

380.1215 Accounting for moneys; fund designations.

Sec. 1215. (1) Operating taxes shall be accounted for under the title of “general fund”. The state board may establish other fund designations to clarify further the expenditure classifications for which general fund moneys may be used.

(2) Library money shall be accounted for under the title of “library fund”.

(3) Building and site money shall be accounted for under the title of “building and site fund”.

(4) Taxes collected for retiring bonded indebtedness shall be accounted for as required by the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 64]**(HB 5410)**

AN ACT to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “An act to provide a system of public instruction and elementary and secondary schools; to revise, consolidate, and clarify the laws relating to elementary and secondary education; to provide for the organization, regulation, and maintenance of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to prescribe rights, powers, duties, and privileges of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to provide for the regulation of school teachers and certain other school employees; to provide for school elections and to prescribe powers and duties with respect thereto; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes; to provide for the borrowing of money and issuance of bonds and

other evidences of indebtedness; to establish a fund and provide for expenditures from that fund; to provide for and prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to provide for licensure of boarding schools; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 1216 (MCL 380.1216), as amended by 1992 PA 236.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

380.1216 Use of money raised by tax.

Sec. 1216. Except as provided in the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, money raised by tax shall not be used for a purpose other than that for which it was raised without the consent of a majority of the school electors of the district voting on the question at an annual or special meeting or election.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 65]

(HB 5414)

AN ACT to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “An act to provide a system of public instruction and elementary and secondary schools; to revise, consolidate, and clarify the laws relating to elementary and secondary education; to provide for the organization, regulation, and maintenance of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to prescribe rights, powers, duties, and privileges of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to provide for the regulation of school teachers and certain other school employees; to provide for school elections and to prescribe powers and duties with respect thereto; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes; to provide for the borrowing of money and issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness; to establish a fund and provide for expenditures from that fund; to provide for and prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to provide for licensure of boarding schools; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 1351a (MCL 380.1351a), as amended by 1997 PA 152.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

380.1351a Borrowing money and issuing bonds.

Sec. 1351a. (1) Beginning with bonds issued after May 1, 1994, a school district shall not borrow money and issue bonds of the district under section 1351(1). However, a school district may borrow money and issue bonds of the district to defray all or a part of the cost of purchasing, erecting, completing, remodeling, or equipping or reequipping, except for equipping or reequipping for technology, school buildings, including library buildings, structures, athletic fields, playgrounds, or other facilities, or parts of or additions to those facilities; furnishing or refurbishing new or remodeled school buildings; acquiring, preparing, developing, or improving sites, or parts of or additions to sites, for school

buildings, including library buildings, structures, athletic fields, playgrounds, or other facilities; purchasing school buses; acquiring, installing, or equipping or reequipping school buildings for technology; or accomplishing a combination of the purposes set forth in this subsection. Section 1351(2) to (4) applies to bonds issued under this section.

(2) The proceeds of bonds issued under this section or under section 11i of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1611i, shall be used for capital expenditures and to pay costs of bond issuance, and shall not be used for maintenance costs. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a school district that issues bonds under this section or under section 11i of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1611i, shall have an independent audit, using generally accepted accounting principles, of its bonding activities under these sections conducted within 120 days after completion of all projects financed by the proceeds of the bonds and shall submit the audit report to the department of treasury. For bonds issued under section 11i of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1611i, the independent audit required under this subsection may be conducted and submitted with the annual report required under the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821.

(3) A school district shall not borrow money and issue notes or bonds under this section to defray all or part of the costs of any of the following:

(a) Upgrades to operating system or application software.

(b) Media, including diskettes, compact discs, video tapes, and disks, unless used for the storage of initial operating system software or customized application software included in the definition of technology under this section.

(c) Training, consulting, maintenance, service contracts, software upgrades, troubleshooting, or software support.

(4) A resident of a school district has standing to bring suit against the school district to enforce the provisions of this section in a court having jurisdiction.

(5) As used in this section, “technology” means any of the following:

(a) Hardware and communication devices that transmit, receive, or compute information for pupil instructional purposes.

(b) The initial purchase of operating system software or customized application software, or both, accompanying the purchase of hardware and communication devices under subdivision (a).

(c) The costs of design and installation of the hardware, communication devices, and initial operating system software or customized application software authorized under this subsection.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 66]

(HB 5412)

AN ACT to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “An act to provide a system of public instruction and elementary and secondary schools; to revise, consolidate, and clarify the

laws relating to elementary and secondary education; to provide for the organization, regulation, and maintenance of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to prescribe rights, powers, duties, and privileges of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to provide for the regulation of school teachers and certain other school employees; to provide for school elections and to prescribe powers and duties with respect thereto; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes; to provide for the borrowing of money and issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness; to establish a fund and provide for expenditures from that fund; to provide for and prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to provide for licensure of boarding schools; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending section 1227 (MCL 380.1227), as added by 1995 PA 289.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

380.1227 Estimates of necessary taxes; insurance reserve funds; adoption of budget; apportionment of school taxes.

Sec. 1227. (1) The board of a school district shall prepare annual estimates of the amount of taxes necessary for the school district's needs for the ensuing fiscal year. The estimates shall specify the amount required for the "general fund", the amount required for the "capital projects fund", and the amount required for the "debt retirement fund", in accordance with the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, and outstanding bonding resolutions.

(2) The school board may include in the "capital projects fund" an amount not exceeding in 1 year .01% of the school district's taxable value to establish and maintain a school district insurance reserve fund from which school buildings or other school property damaged or destroyed by fire, lightning, or otherwise may be repaired, rebuilt, or replaced by other buildings or property to be used in its place. Taxes shall not be levied for this purpose while the insurance reserve fund exceeds or equals .1% of the school district's taxable value. The board shall carry the insurance reserves forward as an encumbered reserve and may add to the reserve in the manner prescribed in this section. Insurance reserve funds may be invested in the manner provided in section 1223. Income from the investment shall be considered a part of the "general fund". If an emergency is declared by a 2/3 vote of the members elected to and serving on the board, the insurance reserve funds may be borrowed for the emergency, but the funds shall be returned to the insurance reserve fund from the collection of taxes in the next ensuing fiscal year.

(3) The school board shall adopt a budget in the same manner and form as required for its estimates and, subject to limitations under law, determine the amount of tax levy necessary for the budget. The board shall certify the amount to the city and township before the date required by law.

(4) The proper officials of the city and township shall apportion the school taxes in the school district in the same manner as the other taxes of the city or township are apportioned. Except as otherwise provided under part 26, the amount apportioned shall be assessed, levied, collected, and returned for each portion of the school district in the same manner as taxes of the city or township in which the portion of the school district is located.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 67]**(HB 5413)**

AN ACT to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “An act to provide a system of public instruction and elementary and secondary schools; to revise, consolidate, and clarify the laws relating to elementary and secondary education; to provide for the organization, regulation, and maintenance of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to prescribe rights, powers, duties, and privileges of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to provide for the regulation of school teachers and certain other school employees; to provide for school elections and to prescribe powers and duties with respect thereto; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes; to provide for the borrowing of money and issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness; to establish a fund and provide for expenditures from that fund; to provide for and prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to provide for licensure of boarding schools; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 1351 (MCL 380.1351), as amended by 1997 PA 152.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

380.1351 Borrowing money and issuing bonds; purposes; limitations; bonds or notes as full faith and credit tax limited obligations.

Sec. 1351. (1) Until May 1, 1994, a school district may borrow money and issue bonds of the district to defray all or a part of the cost of purchasing, erecting, completing, remodeling, improving, furnishing, refurbishing, equipping, or reequipping school buildings, including library buildings, structures, athletic fields, playgrounds, or other facilities, or parts of or additions to those facilities; acquiring, preparing, developing, or improving sites, or parts of or additions to sites, for school buildings, including library buildings, structures, athletic fields, playgrounds, or other facilities; purchasing school buses; participating in the administrative costs of an urban renewal program through which the school district desires to acquire a site or addition to a site for school purposes; refunding all or part of existing bonded indebtedness; or accomplishing a combination of the purposes set forth in this subsection. In addition, until December 31, 1991 a school district may borrow money and issue bonds to defray all or part of the cost of purchasing textbooks.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a school district shall not borrow money or issue bonds for a sum that, together with the total outstanding bonded indebtedness of the district, exceeds 5% of the state equalized valuation of the taxable property within the district, unless the proposition of borrowing the money or issuing the bonds is submitted to a vote of the school electors of the district at an annual or special election and approved by the majority of the school electors voting on the question. Regardless of the amount of outstanding bonded indebtedness of the school district, a vote of the school electors is not necessary in order to issue bonds for a purpose described in section 1274a or to issue bonds under section 11i of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1611i. For the purposes of this subsection, bonds issued under section 11i of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1611i, shall not be included in computing the total outstanding bonded indebtedness of a school district.

(3) A school district shall not issue bonds under this part for an amount greater than 15% of the total assessed valuation of the district, except as provided in section 1356. A bond qualified under section 16 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963 and implementing legislation shall not be included for purposes of calculating the 15% limitation. Bonds issued under this part are subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34,

MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, except that bonds issued for a purpose described in section 1274a may be sold at a public or publicly negotiated sale at the time or times, at the price or prices, and at a discount as determined by the board of the school district.

(4) Bonds or notes issued by a school district or intermediate school district under this part or section 442, 629, or 1274a shall be full faith and credit tax limited obligations of the district pledging the general funds, voted and allocated tax levies, or any other money available for such a purpose and shall not allow or provide for the levy of additional millage for payment of the bond or note without a vote of the qualified electorate of the district.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 68]

(HB 5416)

AN ACT to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “An act to provide a system of public instruction and elementary and secondary schools; to revise, consolidate, and clarify the laws relating to elementary and secondary education; to provide for the organization, regulation, and maintenance of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to prescribe rights, powers, duties, and privileges of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to provide for the regulation of school teachers and certain other school employees; to provide for school elections and to prescribe powers and duties with respect thereto; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes; to provide for the borrowing of money and issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness; to establish a fund and provide for expenditures from that fund; to provide for and prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to provide for licensure of boarding schools; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 1362 (MCL 380.1362).

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

380.1362 Bonds; issuance; conditions prescribed by school district board.

Sec. 1362. (1) The board of a school district that votes to borrow a sum of money may issue the bonds of the district.

(2) The board shall prescribe all of the following:

(a) The form of the bonds.

(b) The amount of the bonds, which shall not be less than \$50.00 each.

(c) The time for payment of the bonds.

(d) The interest rates on the bonds.

(e) The manner in which the president and secretary of the board shall execute the bonds.

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[No. 69]**(HB 5417)**

AN ACT to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “An act to provide a system of public instruction and elementary and secondary schools; to revise, consolidate, and clarify the laws relating to elementary and secondary education; to provide for the organization, regulation, and maintenance of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to prescribe rights, powers, duties, and privileges of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to provide for the regulation of school teachers and certain other school employees; to provide for school elections and to prescribe powers and duties with respect thereto; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes; to provide for the borrowing of money and issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness; to establish a fund and provide for expenditures from that fund; to provide for and prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to provide for licensure of boarding schools; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 1363 (MCL 380.1363).

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

380.1363 School districts subject to revised municipal finance act; handling moneys received to discharge indebtedness.

Sec. 1363. Money raised by taxes or otherwise received by a school district for the purpose of paying and discharging the principal and interest of the indebtedness is subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821.

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[No. 70]**(HB 5418)**

AN ACT to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “An act to provide a system of public instruction and elementary and secondary schools; to revise, consolidate, and clarify the laws relating to elementary and secondary education; to provide for the organization, regulation, and maintenance of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to prescribe rights, powers, duties, and privileges of schools, school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts; to provide for the regulation of school teachers and certain other school employees; to provide for school elections and to prescribe powers and duties with respect thereto; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes; to provide for the borrowing of money and issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness; to establish a fund and provide for expenditures from that fund; to provide for and prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to provide for licensure of boarding schools; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 1731 (MCL 380.1731).

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

380.1731 Borrowing money and issuing bonds; purposes; limitation.

Sec. 1731. (1) An intermediate school district may borrow money and issue bonds of the intermediate school district subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, to defray all or part of the costs of purchasing, erecting, completing, remodeling, improving, furnishing, refurnishing, equipping, or reequipping buildings for special education facilities; acquiring, preparing, developing, or improving sites, or parts of sites or additions to sites, for buildings and other special education facilities; refunding all or part of existing bonded indebtedness; or the accomplishment of a combination of the foregoing purposes.

(2) An intermediate school district shall not issue bonds for purposes of purchasing, erecting, completing, remodeling, improving, furnishing, refurnishing, equipping, or reequipping buildings for special education for an amount greater than 1.5% of the total assessed valuation of the intermediate school district.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 71]

(HB 5419)

AN ACT to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “An act to make appropriations to aid in the support of the public schools and the intermediate school districts of the state; to make appropriations for certain other purposes relating to education; to provide for the disbursement of the appropriations; to supplement the school aid fund by the levy and collection of certain taxes; to authorize the issuance of certain bonds and provide for the security of those bonds; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 17a (MCL 388.1617a), as amended by 1996 PA 300.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

388.1617a Withholding payment district or intermediate district entitled to receive under act; extent; plan for financing outstanding obligation defaulted upon by district or intermediate district; use of amounts withheld; agreement assigning or pledging payment; statement; “trustee of a pooled arrangement” defined.

Sec. 17a. (1) The department may withhold all or part of any payment that a district or intermediate district is entitled to receive under this act to the extent the withholdings are a component part of a plan, developed and implemented pursuant to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, or other statutory authority, for financing an outstanding obligation upon which the district or intermediate district defaulted. Amounts withheld shall be used to pay, on behalf of the district or intermediate district, unpaid amounts or subsequently due amounts, or both, of principal and interest on the outstanding obligation upon which the district or intermediate district defaulted.

(2) Under an agreement entered into by a district or intermediate district assigning all or a portion of the payment that it is eligible to receive under this act to the Michigan municipal bond authority or to the trustee of a pooled arrangement or pledging the amount for payment of an obligation it incurred with the Michigan municipal bond authority or with the trustee of a pooled arrangement, the state treasurer shall transmit to the Michigan municipal bond authority or a trustee designated by the authority or to the trustee of a pooled arrangement the amount of the payment that is assigned or pledged under the agreement. Notwithstanding the payment dates prescribed by this act for distributions under this act, the state treasurer may advance all or part of a payment that is dedicated for distribution or for which the appropriation authorizing the payment has been made if and to the extent, under the terms of an agreement entered into by a district or intermediate district and the Michigan municipal bond authority, the payment that the district or intermediate district is eligible to receive has been assigned to or pledged for payment of an obligation it incurred with the Michigan municipal bond authority. This subsection does not require the state to make an appropriation to any school district or intermediate school district and shall not be construed as creating an indebtedness of the state, and any agreement made pursuant to this subsection shall contain a statement to that effect. As used in this subsection, “trustee of a pooled arrangement” means the trustee of a trust approved by the state treasurer and, subject to the conditions and requirements of that approval, established for the purpose of offering for sale, as part of a pooled arrangement, certificates representing undivided interests in notes issued by districts or intermediate districts under section 1225 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1225. If a trustee applies to the state treasurer for approval of a trust for the purposes of this subsection, the state treasurer shall approve or disapprove the trust within 10 days after receipt of the application.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 72]

(HB 5420)

AN ACT to amend 1966 PA 331, entitled “An act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to community colleges; to provide for the creation of community college districts; to provide a charter for such districts; to provide for the government, control and administration of such districts; to provide for the election of a board of trustees; to define the powers and duties of the board of trustees; to provide for the assessment, levy, collection and return of taxes therefor; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 122 (MCL 389.122), as amended by 1984 PA 148.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

389.122 Board of trustees; powers.

Sec. 122. The board of trustees may do all of the following:

(a) Borrow, subject to the provisions of the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, for community college purposes, including capital expenditures,

money on the terms it considers desirable and give notes of the district for those purposes. If a newly organized community college district borrows in anticipation of the collection of the first tax levy of the district, the loan shall not exceed 50% of the estimated amount of the first tax levy.

(b) Borrow, subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, money as it considers necessary and issue bonds of the community college district, to purchase sites for buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields, or agricultural farms; to purchase or erect and equip any building or buildings that it is authorized to purchase and erect; or to make any permanent improvement that it is authorized to make. A loan shall not be made and bonds shall not be issued for any sum that, together with the total outstanding bonded indebtedness of the district, including bonds voted but not issued, exceeds the total of 1-1/2% of the first \$250,000,000.00 plus 1% of the excess over \$250,000,000.00 of the last confirmed state equalized valuation of all taxable property in the district unless the proposition of making the loan or of issuing bonds has been submitted first to a vote of the qualified electors of the district, at a general or special election, and approved by the majority of the electors voting at the election, in which event loans may be made or bonds may be issued in an amount not to exceed 15% of the total state equalized valuation of the district.

(c) Provide for energy conservation improvements to be made to community college facilities and may pay for the improvements from operating funds of the district or from the savings that result from the energy conservation improvements. Energy conservation improvements may include, but are not limited to, heating system improvements, fenestration improvements, roof improvements, the installation of any insulation, the installation or repair of heating or air conditioning controls, and entrance or exit way closures. The board of trustees may acquire 1 or more energy conservation improvements by installment contract or may borrow money and issue notes for the purpose of securing funds for the improvements or may enter into contracts in which the cost of the energy conservation improvements is paid from a portion of the savings that result from the energy conservation improvements. These contractual agreements may provide that the cost of the energy conservation improvements are paid only if the energy savings are sufficient to cover their cost. An installment contract or notes issued pursuant to this subdivision shall extend for a period of time not to exceed 10 years. Notes issued pursuant to this subdivision shall be full faith and credit, tax limited obligations of the community college district, payable from tax levies and the general fund as pledged by the board of trustees. The notes are subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821. This subdivision does not limit in any manner the borrowing or bonding authority of a community college as provided by law.

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[No. 73]

(HB 5423)

AN ACT to amend 1966 PA 331, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to community colleges; to provide for the creation of community college districts; to provide a charter for such districts; to provide for the government, control and

administration of such districts; to provide for the election of a board of trustees; to define the powers and duties of the board of trustees; to provide for the assessment, levy, collection and return of taxes therefor; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending section 144 (MCL 389.144), as amended by 1990 PA 287.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

389.144 Levy and collection of taxes; use of funds; limitation; determination and certification of rate and amount of taxes; manner and time of levy and collection; summer property tax levy; applicability of subsection (3); disposition of money collected; subjects of taxation.

Sec. 144. (1) The board of trustees of each community college district may levy for the purposes specified as within the power of the board a tax that does not exceed the rate previously or subsequently authorized by the qualified electors of the district or the rate derived through the previous adoption by the electors of the district of former 1955 PA 188, or the rate that is allocated to the community college district in accordance with the property tax limitation act, 1933 PA 62, MCL 211.201 to 211.217a. The funds may be used for all purposes authorized, except that to the extent permitted under the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, taxes imposed for the payment of principal and interest on bonds or other evidences of indebtedness or for the payment of assessments or contract obligations in anticipation of which bonds are issued may be imposed without limitation as to rate or amount. This limitation may be increased to not more than 5 mills if approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting on the question at any general or special election of the community college district.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3), the board of trustees shall determine the total taxes required for any year and shall certify the approved tax rate to be levied and the amount of taxes to be raised to the proper assessing officer of each city and township in which the territory of the community college district is situated on or before September 1 of each year, except that the board of trustees may provide by resolution that taxes to be raised against property within any city or township, any portion of which lies within the community college district boundaries, may be levied and collected in the same manner and at the same time as the city or township taxes or in the same manner and at the same time as school district or intermediate school district taxes are being collected by the city or township under part 26 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1611 to 380.1615.

(3) By resolution of its board on or before May 15 of the year in which it is established, a community college district established under this act between January 1 and May 1 of any calendar year may impose a summer property tax levy of either the total or 1/2 of the community college district property taxes for that tax year. The board resolution shall also determine the total taxes required for that tax year and certify the approved tax rate to be levied and the amount of taxes to be raised to the proper assessing officer of each city or township in which the territory of the community college district is situated. Upon receipt of that board resolution, each city and township in which the community college district is situated that collects a summer property tax levy pursuant to section 1613 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1613, shall collect the summer levy for that year. The reasonable and actual expenses incurred by a city or township in collecting the community college district property taxes under this subsection, to the extent these expenses are in addition to the expense of collecting and assessing any other taxes at the same time and exceed the amount of any fees imposed for the collection of the community college property taxes, shall be billed to and paid by the community college district. For

the purposes of this subsection, reasonable and actual expenses shall not exceed the current collection agreements negotiated with the largest intermediate school district within the community college district. This subsection applies until December 31, 1992.

(4) All money collected by any tax collecting officer from the tax levied pursuant to this section shall be returned to the community college district pursuant to section 43 of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.43, or to the county treasurer who shall pay the taxes so returned immediately to the community college district.

(5) The subjects of taxation for the community college district purposes shall be the same as for state, county, and other school purposes as provided under the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.
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[No. 74]

(SB 592)

AN ACT to amend 1984 PA 218, entitled “An act to provide for the regulation of third party administrators; to provide for the licensure of administrative service managers; to provide for certain powers and duties for certain state agencies and officers; to provide for the confidentiality of certain personal data; and to prescribe penalties for a violation of this act,” by amending sections 14 and 18 (MCL 550.914 and 550.918); and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

550.914 Certificate of authority; issuance; notice of disapproval; continued compliance with subsection (1).

Sec. 14. (1) The commissioner shall issue a certificate of authority to operate as a TPA if the commissioner is satisfied that the TPA has adequate facilities, personnel, and managers to act as a third party administrator.

(2) If the commissioner disapproves an application for a certificate of authority, he or she shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the disapproval.

(3) A TPA shall continue to meet the conditions required under subsection (1) after the certificate of authority is issued.

550.918 Fees; payment; collection; and designation.

Sec. 18. (1) The commissioner shall collect, and the persons affected shall pay to the commissioner, the following fees:

- (a) Filing fee to accompany application for third party administrator’s certificate of authority \$200.00.
- (b) Certificate of authority for a third party administrator \$ 25.00.
- (c) Filing fee for annual statement of a third party administrator, each year \$ 25.00.

(2) Fees paid under this section shall be designated for the insurance bureau to cover the additional costs incurred as a result of this act.

Repeal of §§ 550.916 and 550.962.

Enacting section 1. Sections 16 and 62 of the third party administrator act, 1984 PA 218, MCL 550.916 and 550.962, are repealed.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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[No. 75]**(SB 692)**

AN ACT to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge of certain substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, and assessments; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts,” by amending sections 36105, 36106, 36109, 36111, 36111a, and 36206 (MCL 324.36105, 324.36106, 324.36109, 324.36111, 324.36111a, and 324.36206), sections 36105 and 36106 as amended and section 36111a as added by 1996 PA 233, section 36109 as amended by 2000 PA 421, and section 36111 as amended and section 36206 as added by 2000 PA 262.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

324.36105 Land subject to § 324.36101(j)(i); application for open space development rights easement; approval or rejection; provisions; tax exemption.

Sec. 36105. (1) If an owner of open space land desires an open space development rights easement, and the land is subject to section 36101(j)(i), the procedures for filing an application provided by the state land use agency shall follow as provided in section 36104, except section 36104(7) and (12) do not apply to an open space development rights easement.

(2) The state land use agency, within 60 days after the open space development rights easement application is received, shall approve or reject the application. If the application is approved by the state land use agency, the state land use agency shall prepare an open space development rights easement that includes the following provisions:

(a) A structure shall not be built on the land without the approval of the state land use agency.

(b) Improvement to the land shall not be made without the approval of the state land use agency.

(c) An interest in the land shall not be sold, except for a scenic, access, or utility easement that does not substantially hinder the character of the open space land.

(d) Access to the open space land may be provided if access is agreed to by the owner and if access will not jeopardize the conditions of the land.

(e) Any other condition or restriction on the land as agreed to by the parties that is considered necessary to preserve the land or appropriate portions of it as open space land.

(3) Upon receipt of the application, the state land use agency shall notify the state tax commission. Upon notification, the state tax commission shall within 60 days make an on-site appraisal of the land in compliance with the Michigan state tax commission assessors manual. The application shall contain a statement specifying the current fair market value of the land and the current fair market value of the development rights. The state land use agency shall submit to the legislature each application for an open space development rights easement and an analysis of its cost to the state. The application shall be approved in both houses by a resolution concurred in by a majority of the members elected and serving in each house. The amount of the cost shall be returned to the local governing body if lost revenues are indicated. A copy of the approved application and the open space development rights easement shall be forwarded by the state land use agency to the applicant for execution and to the local assessing office where the land is situated.

(4) If an application for an open space development rights easement is rejected under subsection (2), the applicant may reapply for an open space development rights easement beginning 1 year after the rejection.

(5) The development rights held by the state as expressed in an open space development rights easement under this section are exempt from ad valorem taxation.

324.36106 Land subject to § 324.36101(j)(ii); application for open space development rights easement; form; contents; notice; review, comments, and recommendations; approval or rejection; preparation and contents of easement; appraisal; statement of fair market value; execution and recordation of easement; forwarding copies of easement; appeal; legislative approval; costs; reapplication; tax exemption.

Sec. 36106. (1) An owner of open space land desiring an open space development rights easement whose land is subject to section 36101(j)(ii) may apply by filing an application with the local governing body. The application shall be made on a form prescribed by the state land use agency. The application shall contain information reasonably necessary to properly identify the land as open space. This information shall include a land survey or a legal description of the land and a map showing the significant natural features and all structures and physical improvements located on the land.

(2) Upon receipt of an application, the local governing body shall notify the county planning commission, the regional planning commission, and the soil conservation district agency. If the local governing body is the county board of commissioners, the county board shall also notify the township board of the township in which the land is situated. If the land is within 3 miles of the boundary of a city or within 1 mile of the boundary of a village, the local governing body shall notify the governing body of the city or village.

(3) An entity receiving notice under subsection (2) has 30 days to review, comment, and make recommendations to the local governing body with which the application was filed.

(4) The local governing body shall approve or reject the application after considering the comments and recommendations of the reviewing entities and within 45 days after the application was received by the local governing body, unless that period is extended by agreement of the parties involved. The local governing body's approval or rejection of the application shall be based upon, and consistent with, rules promulgated by the state land use agency under section 36116. If the local governing body does not act within the time prescribed or agreed upon, the applicant may proceed as provided in subsection (9) as if the application was rejected.

(5) If the application is approved by the local governing body, the local governing body shall prepare the easement. If the application is approved by the state land use agency on appeal, the state land use agency shall prepare the easement. An easement prepared under this section shall contain all of the following provisions:

(a) A structure shall not be built on the land without the approval of the local governing body.

(b) An improvement to the land shall not be made without the approval of the local governing body.

(c) An interest in the land shall not be sold, except for a scenic, access, or utility easement that does not substantially hinder the character of the open space land.

(d) Public access to the open space land may be provided if agreed upon by the owner and if access will not jeopardize the conditions of the land.

(e) Any other condition or restriction on the land as agreed to by both parties that is considered necessary to preserve the land or appropriate portions of it as open space land.

(6) Upon receipt of the application, the local governing body shall direct either the local assessing officer or an independent certified assessor to make an on-site appraisal of the land within 30 days in compliance with the Michigan state tax commission assessors manual. The approved application shall contain a statement specifying the current fair market value of the land and the current fair market value of the development rights, if any. A copy of the approved application and the development rights easement shall be forwarded to the applicant for his or her execution.

(7) If the owner of the land executes the approved easement, it shall be returned to the local governing body for its execution. The local governing body shall record the development rights easement with the register of deeds of the county. A copy of the approved easement shall be forwarded to the local assessing office and to the state land use agency for their information.

(8) The decision of the local governing body may be appealed to the state land use agency, pursuant to subsection (9).

(9) If an application for an open space development rights easement is rejected by the local governing body, the local governing body shall notify the applicant and all reviewing entities with a written statement of the reasons for rejection. Within 30 days after receipt of the rejected application, the applicant may appeal the rejection to the state land use agency. The state land use agency shall have 60 days to approve or reject the application. The state land use agency shall submit to the legislature each approved application for an open space development rights easement and an analysis of its cost. The application shall be approved in both houses by a resolution concurred in by a majority of the members elected and serving in each house. The amount of the cost shall be returned to the local governing body where lost revenues are indicated. A copy of the approved application and an appropriate easement shall be forwarded by the state land use agency to the applicant for execution and to the local governing body where the land is situated.

(10) If an application for an open space development rights easement is rejected under subsection (4), the applicant may reapply for an open space development rights easement beginning 1 year after the final rejection.

(11) The development rights held by the local governing body as expressed in an open space development rights easement are exempt from ad valorem taxation.

324.36109 Credit against state income tax or state single business tax.

Sec. 36109. (1) An owner of farmland and related buildings subject to 1 or more development rights agreements under section 36104 or agricultural conservation

easements or purchases of development rights under section 36111b or 36206 who is required or eligible to file a return as an individual or a claimant under the state income tax act may claim a credit against the state income tax liability for the amount by which the property taxes on the land and structures used in the farming operation, including the homestead, restricted by the development rights agreements, agricultural conservation easements, or purchases of development rights exceed 3.5% of the household income as defined in section 508 of the income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.508, excluding a deduction if taken under section 613 of the internal revenue code of 1986. For the purposes of this section, all of the following apply:

(a) A partner in a partnership is considered an owner of farmland and related buildings owned by the partnership and covered by a development rights agreement, agricultural conservation easement, or purchase of development rights. A partner is considered to pay a proportion of the property taxes on that property equal to the partner's share of ownership of capital or distributive share of ordinary income as reported by the partnership to the internal revenue service or, if the partnership is not required to report that information to the internal revenue service, as provided in the partnership agreement or, if there is no written partnership agreement, a statement signed by all the partners. A partner claiming a credit under this section based upon the partnership agreement or a statement shall file a copy of the agreement or statement with his or her income tax return. If the agreement or statement is not filed, the department of treasury shall deny the credit. All partners in a partnership claiming the credit allowed under this section shall compute the credit using the same basis for the apportionment of the property taxes.

(b) A shareholder of a corporation that has filed a proper election under subchapter S of chapter 1 of subtitle A of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. 1361 to 1379, is considered an owner of farmland and related buildings covered by a development rights agreement that are owned by the corporation. A shareholder is considered to pay a proportion of the property taxes on that property equal to the shareholder's percentage of stock ownership for the tax year as reported by the corporation to the internal revenue service. Except as provided in subsection (8), this subdivision applies to tax years beginning after 1987.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, an individual in possession of property for life under a life estate with remainder to another person or holding property under a life lease is considered the owner of that property if it is farmland and related buildings covered by a development rights agreement. Beginning January 1, 1986, if an individual in possession of property for life under a life estate with remainder to another person or holding property under a life lease enters into a written agreement with the person holding the remainder interest in that land and the written agreement apportions the property taxes in the same manner as revenue and expenses, the life lease or life estate holder and the person holding the remainder interest may claim the credit under this act as it is apportioned to them under the written agreement upon filing a copy of the written agreement with the return.

(d) If a trust holds farmland and related buildings covered by a development rights agreement and an individual is treated under subpart E of subchapter J of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. 671 to 679, as the owner of that portion of the trust that includes the farmland and related buildings, that individual is considered the owner of that property.

(e) An individual who is the sole beneficiary of a trust that is the result of the death of that individual's spouse is considered the owner of farmland and related buildings covered by a development rights agreement and held by the trust if the trust conforms to all of the following:

(i) One hundred percent of the trust income is distributed to the beneficiary in the tax year in which the trust receives the income.

(ii) The trust terms do not provide that any portion of the trust is to be paid, set aside, or otherwise used in a manner that would qualify for the deduction allowed by section 642(c) of the internal revenue code of 1986.

(f) A member in a limited liability company is considered an owner of farmland and related buildings covered by a development rights agreement that are owned by the limited liability company. A member is considered to pay a proportion of the property taxes on that property equal to the member's share of ownership or distributive share of ordinary income as reported by the limited liability company to the internal revenue service.

(2) An owner of farmland and related buildings subject to 1 or more development rights agreements under section 36104 or agricultural conservation easements or purchases of development rights under section 36111b or 36206 to whom subsection (1) does not apply may claim a credit under the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.1 to 208.145, for the amount by which the property taxes on the land and structures used in farming operations restricted by the development rights agreements, agricultural conservation easements, or purchases of development rights exceed 3.5% of the adjusted business income of the owner as defined in section 36 of the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.36, plus compensation to shareholders not included in adjusted business income, excluding any deductions if taken under section 613 of the internal revenue code of 1986. When calculating adjusted business income for tax years beginning before 1987, federal taxable income shall not be less than zero for the purposes of this subsection only. A participant is not eligible to claim a credit and refund against the state single business tax unless the participant demonstrates that the participant's agricultural gross receipts of the farming operation exceed 5 times the property taxes on the land for each of 3 out of the 5 tax years immediately preceding the year in which the credit is claimed. This eligibility requirement does not apply to those participants who executed farmland development rights agreements under this part before January 1, 1978. A participant may compare, during the contract period, the average of the most recent 3 years of agricultural gross receipts to property taxes in the first year that the participant entered the program under the present contract in calculating the gross receipts qualification. Once an election is made by the participant to compute the benefit in this manner, all future calculations shall be made in the same manner.

(3) If the farmland and related buildings covered by a development rights agreement under section 36104 or an agricultural conservation easement or purchase of development rights under section 36111b or 36206 are owned by more than 1 owner, each owner is allowed to claim a credit under this section based upon that owner's share of the property tax payable on the farmland and related buildings. The department of treasury shall consider the property tax equally apportioned among the owners unless a written agreement signed by all the owners is filed with the return, which agreement apportions the property taxes in the same manner as all other items of revenue and expense. If the property taxes are considered equally apportioned, a husband and wife shall be considered 1 owner, and a person with respect to whom a deduction under section 151 of the internal revenue code of 1986 is allowable to another owner of the property shall not be considered an owner.

(4) A beneficiary of an estate or trust to which subsection (1) does not apply is entitled to the same percentage of the credit provided in this section as that person's percentage of all other distributions by the estate or trust.

(5) If the allowable amount of the credit claimed exceeds the state income tax or the state single business tax otherwise due for the tax year or if there is no state income tax or the state single business tax due for the tax year, the amount of the claim not used as

an offset against the state income tax or the state single business tax, after examination and review, shall be approved for payment to the claimant pursuant to 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.1 to 205.31. The total credit allowable under this part and chapter 9 of the income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.501 to 206.532, or the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.1 to 208.145, shall not exceed the total property tax due and payable by the claimant in that year. The amount the credit exceeds the property tax due and payable shall be deducted from the credit claimed under this part.

(6) For purposes of audit, review, determination, appeals, hearings, notices, assessments, and administration relating to the credit program provided by this section, the state income tax act or single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.1 to 208.145, applies according to which tax the credit is claimed against. If an individual is allowed to claim a credit under subsection (1) based upon property owned or held by a partnership, S corporation, or trust, the department of treasury may require that the individual furnish to the department a copy of a tax return, or portion of a tax return, and supporting schedules that the partnership, S corporation, or trust files under the internal revenue code.

(7) The department of treasury shall account separately for payments under this part and not combine them with other credit programs. A payment made to a claimant for a credit claimed under this part shall be issued by 1 or more warrants made out to the county treasurer in each county in which the claimant's property is located and the claimant, unless the claimant specifies on the return that a copy of the receipt showing payment of the property taxes that became a lien in the year for which the credit is claimed, or that became a lien in the year before the year for which the credit is claimed, is attached to the income tax or single business tax return filed by the claimant. If the claimant specifies that a copy of the receipt is attached to the return, the payment shall be made directly to the claimant. A warrant made out to a claimant and a county treasurer shall be used first to pay delinquent property taxes, interest, penalties, and fees on property restricted by the development rights agreement. If the warrant exceeds the amount of delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, and fees, the county treasurer shall remit the excess to the claimant. If a claimant falsely specifies that the receipt showing payment of the property taxes is attached to the return and if the property taxes on the land subject to that development rights agreement were not paid before the return was filed, all future payments to that claimant of credits claimed under this act attributable to that development rights agreement may be made payable to the county treasurer of the county in which the property subject to the development rights agreement is located and to that claimant.

(8) For property taxes levied after 1987, a person that was an S corporation and had entered into a development rights agreement before January 1, 1989, and paid property taxes on that property, may claim the credit allowed by this section as an owner eligible under subsection (2). A subchapter S corporation claiming a credit as permitted by this subsection for taxes levied in 1988 through 1990 shall claim the credit by filing an amended return under the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.1 to 208.145. If a subchapter S corporation files an amended return as permitted by this subsection and if a shareholder of the subchapter S corporation claimed a credit under subsection (1)(b) for the same property taxes, the shareholder shall file an amended return under the state income tax act. A subchapter S corporation is not entitled to a credit under this subsection until all of its shareholders file the amended returns required by this subsection. The department of treasury shall first apply a credit due to a subchapter S corporation under this subsection to repay credits claimed under this section by the subchapter S corporation's shareholders for property taxes levied in 1988 through 1990 and shall refund

any remaining credit to the S corporation. Interest or penalty is not due or payable on an income tax liability resulting from an amended return required by this subsection. A subchapter S corporation electing to claim a credit as an owner eligible under subsection (2) shall not claim a credit under subsection (1) for property taxes levied after 1987.

324.36111 Expiration or relinquishment of development rights agreement.

Sec. 36111. (1) A development rights agreement expires at the expiration of the term of the agreement unless renewed with the consent of the owner of the land. If the owner of the land has complied with the requirements of this part regarding development rights agreements, the owner is entitled to automatic renewal of the farmland covered by the agreement upon written request of the owner. A development rights agreement may be renewed for a term of not less than 7 years. If a development rights agreement is renewed, the state land use agency shall send a copy of the renewal contract to the local governing body of the local unit of government in which the farmland is located.

(2) A development rights agreement or a portion of the farmland covered by a development rights agreement may be relinquished as provided in this section and section 36111a. Farmland may be relinquished by this state before a termination date contained in the instrument under either of the following circumstances:

(a) If approved by the local governing body and the state land use agency, land containing structures that were present before the recording of the development rights agreement may be relinquished from the agreement. Not more than 2 acres may be relinquished under this subdivision unless additional land area is needed to encompass all of the buildings located on the parcel, in which case not more than 5 acres may be relinquished. If the parcel proposed to be relinquished is less in area than the minimum parcel size required by local zoning, the parcel may not be relinquished unless a variance is obtained from the local zoning board of appeals to allow for the smaller parcel size.

(b) If approved by the local governing body and the state land use agency, land may be relinquished from the agreement for the construction of a residence by an individual essential to the operation of the farm as defined in section 36110(5). Not more than 2 acres may be relinquished under this subdivision. If the parcel proposed to be relinquished is less in area than the minimum parcel size required by local zoning, the parcel may not be relinquished unless a variance is obtained from the local zoning board of appeals to allow for the smaller parcel size.

(3) Until April 1, 1997, if an owner who entered into or renewed a development rights agreement before April 15, 1994 makes a request, in writing, to the state land use agency, to terminate that development rights agreement with respect to all or a portion of the farmland covered by the agreement, the state land use agency shall approve the request and relinquish that farmland from the development rights agreement. If farmland is relinquished under this subsection, the state land use agency shall notify the local governing body of the local unit of government in which the land is located of the relinquishment.

(4) If the request for relinquishment of the development rights agreement is approved, the state land use agency shall prepare an instrument, subject to subsections (5), (6), (7), and (8), and record it with the register of deeds of the county in which the land is situated.

(5) If a development rights agreement or a portion of a development rights agreement is to be relinquished pursuant to subsection (2) or section 36111a, the state land use agency shall record a lien against the property formerly subject to the development rights agreement for the total amount of the allocated tax credit of the last 7 years, including the year of termination, received by an owner for that property under the agreement under

section 36109, attributable to the property formerly subject to the development rights agreement, plus interest at the rate of 6% per annum simple interest from the time the credit was received until the lien is placed on the property.

(6) If the property being relinquished from the development rights agreement is less than all of the property subject to that development rights agreement, the allocated tax credit for the development rights agreement shall be multiplied by the property's share of the taxable value of the agreement. As used in this subsection:

(a) "The allocated tax credit" means the amount obtained by multiplying the owner's total farmland preservation credit claimed in that year on all agreements by the quotient of the ad valorem property tax levied in that year on property subject to the development rights agreement that included the property being relinquished from the agreement divided by the total property taxes levied on property subject to any development rights agreement and used in determining the farmland preservation credit in that year.

(b) "The property's share of the taxable value of the agreement" means the quotient of the taxable value of the property being relinquished from the agreement divided by the total taxable value of property subject to the development rights agreement that included the property being relinquished from the agreement. For years before 1995, taxable value means assessed value.

(7) Thirty days before the recording of a lien under this section, the state land use agency shall notify the owner of the farmland subject to the development rights agreement of the amount of the lien, including interest, if any. If the lien amount is paid before 30 days after the owner is notified, the lien shall not be recorded. The lien may be paid and discharged at any time and is payable to the state by the owner of record at the time the land or any portion of it is sold by the owner of record, or if the land is converted to a use prohibited by the former development rights agreement. The lien shall be discharged upon renewal or reentry in a development rights agreement, except that a subsequent lien shall not be less than the lien discharged.

(8) Upon the termination of all or a portion of the development rights agreement under subsection (3), the termination of a development rights agreement under subsection (13), or, subject to subsection (15), the termination of a development rights agreement under subsection (1), the state land use agency shall prepare and record a lien, if any, against the property formerly subject to the development rights agreement for the total amount of the allocated tax credit of the last 7 years, including the year of termination, received by the owner under section 36109, attributable to the property formerly subject to the development rights agreement. The lien shall be without interest or penalty and is payable subject to subsection (7).

(9) Upon termination of a development rights agreement, the state land use agency shall notify the department of treasury for their records.

(10) Until October 1, 2000, the proceeds from lien payments made under this part shall be used by the state land use agency to administer this part and, pursuant to section 36111b, to purchase development rights on farmland that does not necessitate direct purchase of the fee interest in the land. Beginning on October 1, 2000, the unappropriated proceeds from lien payments made under this part shall be forwarded to the state treasurer for deposit in the agricultural preservation fund created in section 36202. On October 1, 2000, all unexpended proceeds from lien payments made under this part that are held by the state shall be transferred to the agricultural preservation fund created in section 36202.

(11) Upon the relinquishment of all of the farmland under section 36110(2) or a portion of the farmland under section 36110(3), the state land use agency shall prepare and record

a lien against the property formerly subject to a development rights agreement in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) Establishing a term of years by multiplying 7 by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of years the farmland was under the development rights agreement, including any extensions, and the denominator of which is the number representing the term of years of that agreement, including any extensions.

(b) The lien amount equals the total amount of the allocated tax credit claimed attributable to that development rights agreement in the immediately preceding term of years as determined in subdivision (a).

(12) When a lien is paid under this section, the state land use agency shall prepare and record a discharge of lien with the register of deeds in the county in which the land is located. The discharge of lien shall specifically state that the lien has been paid in full, that the lien is discharged, that the development rights agreement and accompanying contract are terminated, and that the state has no further interest in the land under that agreement.

(13) An owner of farmland, upon written request to the state land use agency on or before April 1, 1997, may elect to have the remaining term of the development rights agreement reduced to 7 years if the farmland has been subject to that development rights agreement for 10 or more years. If the farmland has not been subject to a development rights agreement for 10 or more years, an owner of farmland may, upon written request to the state land use agency on or before April 1, 1997, elect to have the term of the development rights agreement reduced to 17 years from the initial year of enrollment.

(14) A farmland development rights agreement is automatically relinquished when the farmland becomes subject to an agricultural conservation easement or purchase of development rights under section 36111b or 36206.

(15) If, upon expiration of the term of a farmland development rights agreement, the farmland becomes subject to an agricultural conservation easement or purchase of development rights under section 36111b or 36206 or if a farmland development rights agreement is automatically relinquished under subsection (14), the farmland is not subject to a lien under this section.

324.36111a Relinquishment of development rights agreement; conditions; “economic viability” defined.

Sec. 36111a. (1) Upon request from a landowner and a local governing body, the state land use agency shall relinquish farmland from the development rights agreement if 1 or both of the following occur:

(a) The local governing body determines 1 or more of the following:

(i) That, because of the quality of the farmland, agricultural production cannot be made economically viable with generally accepted agricultural and management practices.

(ii) That surrounding conditions impose physical obstacles to the agricultural operation or prohibit essential agricultural practices.

(iii) That significant natural physical changes in the farmland have occurred that are generally irreversible and permanently limit the productivity of the farmland.

(iv) That a court order restricts the use of the farmland so that agricultural production cannot be made economically viable.

(b) The local governing body determines that the relinquishment is in the public interest and that the farmland to be relinquished meets 1 or more of the following conditions:

(i) The farmland is to be owned, operated, and maintained by a public body for a public use.

(ii) The farmland had been zoned for the immediately preceding 3 years for a commercial or industrial use.

(iii) The farmland is zoned for commercial or industrial use and the relinquishment of the farmland will be mitigated by 1 of the following means:

(A) For every 1 acre of farmland to be relinquished, an agricultural conservation easement will be acquired over 2 acres of farmland of comparable or better quality located within the same local unit of government where the farmland to be relinquished is located. The agricultural conservation easement shall be held by the local unit of government where the farmland to be relinquished is located or, if the local governing body declines to hold the agricultural conservation easement, by the state land use agency.

(B) If an agricultural conservation easement cannot be acquired as provided under sub-subparagraph (A), there will be deposited into the state agricultural preservation fund created in section 36202 an amount equal to twice the value of the development rights to the farmland being relinquished, as determined by a certified appraisal.

(iv) The farmland is to be owned, operated, and maintained by an organization exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. 501, and the relinquishment will be beneficial to the local community.

(2) In determining public interest under subsection (1)(b), the governing body shall consider all of the following:

(a) The long-term effect of the relinquishment upon the preservation and enhancement of agriculture in the surrounding area, including any nonfarm encroachment upon other agricultural operations in the surrounding area.

(b) Any other reasonable and prudent site alternatives to the farmland to be relinquished.

(c) Any infrastructure changes and costs to the local governmental unit that will result from the development of the farmland to be relinquished.

(3) If a landowner's relinquishment application under this section is denied by the local governing body, the landowner may appeal that denial to the state land use agency. In determining whether to grant the appeal and approve the relinquishment, the state land use agency shall follow the criteria established in subsection (1)(a) or follow the criteria in subsection (1)(b) and consider the factors described in subsection (2).

(4) The state land use agency shall review an application approved by the local governing body to verify that the criteria provided in subsection (1)(a) were met or the criteria in subsection (1)(b) were met and the factors in subsection (2) were considered. If the local governing body did not render a determination in accordance with this subsection, the state land use agency shall not relinquish the farmland from the development rights agreement.

(5) A local governing body may elect to waive its right to make a relinquishment determination under subsection (1)(a) or (b) by providing written notice of that election to the state land use agency. The written notice shall grant the state land use agency sole authority to grant or deny the application as provided in this section.

(6) A decision by the state land use agency to grant or deny an application for relinquishment under this section that adversely affects a land owner or a local governing body is subject to a contested case hearing as provided under this act and the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

(7) As used in this section, "economic viability" means that the cash flow returning to the farming operation is positive. The local governing body or state land use agency shall

evaluate an application for relinquishment, and determine the economic viability of the affected farming operation, by doing all of the following:

(a) Estimating crop, livestock, or product value of the farmland using locally accepted production methods and local United States department of agriculture yield capabilities for the specific soil types and average price for crop, livestock, or product over the past 5 years.

(b) Adding average yearly property tax credits afforded by the development rights agreement over the immediately preceding 5-year period.

(c) Subtracting estimated expenses directly attributed to the production of the crop, livestock, or product, including, but not limited to, seed, fertilizer, insecticide, building and machinery repair, drying, trucking, and property taxes.

(d) Subtracting the estimated cost of the operator's labor and management time at rates established by the United States department of agriculture for "all labor", Great Lakes area, as published in the United States department of agriculture labor reports.

(e) Subtracting typical capital replacement cost per acre of nonland assets using a useful life depreciation rate for comparable farming operations.

324.36206 Distribution of grants to local units of government; condition; reviewing permitted uses; contribution of development rights; purchase by local unit of government through installment purchase agreement; joint holding by state and local unit of government; delegation of enforcement authority; transfer to property owner; tax credits under § 324.36109.

Sec. 36206. (1) After the board determines which grants should be awarded, and the amount of the grants, the department shall distribute the grants to the local units of government awarded the grants. The department shall condition the receipt of a grant upon the department's approval of the agricultural conservation easements being acquired.

(2) In reviewing permitted uses contained within an agricultural conservation easement under subsection (1), the department shall consider all of the following:

(a) Whether the permitted uses adversely affect the productivity of farmland.

(b) Whether the permitted uses materially alter or negatively affect the existing conditions or use of the land.

(c) Whether the permitted uses result in a material alteration of an existing structure to a nonagricultural use.

(d) Whether the permitted uses conform with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and ordinances.

(3) The department may accept contributions of all or a portion of the development rights to 1 or more parcels of land, including a conservation easement or a historic preservation easement as defined in section 2140, as part of a transaction for the purchase of an agricultural conservation easement.

(4) A local unit of government that purchases an agricultural conservation easement with money from a grant may purchase the agricultural conservation easement through an installment purchase agreement under terms negotiated by the local unit of government.

(5) An agricultural conservation easement acquired under this part shall be held jointly by the state and the local unit of government in which the land subject to the agricultural conservation easement is located. However, the state may delegate enforcement authority of 1 or more agricultural conservation easements to the local units of government in which the agricultural conservation easements are located.

(6) An agricultural conservation easement acquired under this part may be transferred to the owner of the property subject to the agricultural conservation easement if the state and the local unit of government holding the agricultural conservation easement agree to the transfer and the terms of the transfer.

(7) Section 36109 provides for tax credits for an owner of farmland subject to an agricultural conservation easement under this section.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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AN ACT to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “An act to create a commission for the control of the alcoholic beverage traffic within this state, and to prescribe its powers, duties, and limitations; to provide for powers and duties for certain state departments and agencies; to impose certain taxes for certain purposes; to provide for the control of the alcoholic liquor traffic within this state and to provide for the power to establish state liquor stores; to provide for the care and treatment of alcoholics; to provide for the incorporation of farmer cooperative wineries and the granting of certain rights and privileges to those cooperatives; to provide for the licensing and taxation of activities regulated under this act and the disposition of the money received under this act; to prescribe liability for retail licensees under certain circumstances and to require security for that liability; to provide procedures, defenses, and remedies regarding violations of this act; to provide for the enforcement and to prescribe penalties for violations of this act; to provide for allocation of certain funds for certain purposes; to provide for the confiscation and disposition of property seized under this act; to provide referenda under certain circumstances; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 525 (MCL 436.1525), as amended by 2001 PA 223.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

436.1525 License fees.

Sec. 525. (1) The following license fees shall be paid at the time of filing applications or as otherwise provided in this act:

(a) Manufacturers of spirits, but not including makers, blenders, and rectifiers of wines containing 21% or less alcohol by volume, \$1,000.00.

(b) Manufacturers of beer, \$50.00 per 1,000 barrels, or fraction of a barrel, production annually with a maximum fee of \$1,000.00, and in addition \$50.00 for each motor vehicle used in delivery to retail licensees. A fee increase shall not apply to a manufacturer of less than 15,000 barrels production per year.

(c) Outstate seller of beer, delivering or selling beer in this state, \$1,000.00.

(d) Wine makers, blenders, and rectifiers of wine, including makers, blenders, and rectifiers of wines containing 21% or less alcohol by volume, \$100.00. The small wine maker license fee shall be \$25.00.

(e) Outstate seller of wine, delivering or selling wine in this state, \$300.00.

(f) Outstate seller of mixed spirit drink, delivering or selling mixed spirit drink in this state, \$300.00.

(g) Dining cars or other railroad or Pullman cars selling alcoholic liquor, \$100.00 per train.

(h) Wholesale vendors other than manufacturers of beer, \$300.00 for the first motor vehicle used in delivery to retail licensees and \$50.00 for each additional motor vehicle used in delivery to retail licensees.

(i) Watercraft, licensed to carry passengers, selling alcoholic liquor, a minimum fee of \$100.00 and a maximum fee of \$500.00 per year computed on the basis of \$1.00 per person per passenger capacity.

(j) Specially designated merchants, for selling beer or wine for consumption off the premises only but not at wholesale, \$100.00 for each location regardless of the fact that the location may be a part of a system or chain of merchandising.

(k) Specially designated distributors licensed by the commission to distribute spirits and mixed spirit drink in the original package for the commission for consumption off the premises, \$150.00 per year, and an additional fee of \$3.00 for each \$1,000.00 or major fraction of that amount in excess of \$25,000.00 of the total retail value of merchandise purchased under each license from the commission during the previous calendar year.

(l) Hotels of class A selling beer and wine, a minimum fee of \$250.00 and, for all bedrooms in excess of 20, \$1.00 for each additional bedroom, but not more than \$500.00.

(m) Hotels of class B selling beer, wine, mixed spirit drink, and spirits, a minimum fee of \$600.00 and, for all bedrooms in excess of 20, \$3.00 for each additional bedroom. If a hotel of class B sells beer, wine, mixed spirit drink, and spirits in more than 1 public bar, the fee shall entitle the hotel to sell in only 1 public bar, other than a bedroom, and a license shall be secured for each additional public bar, other than a bedroom, the fee for which shall be \$350.00.

(n) Taverns, selling beer and wine, \$250.00.

(o) Class C license selling beer, wine, mixed spirit drink, and spirits, \$600.00. If a class C licensee sells beer, wine, mixed spirit drink, and spirits in more than 1 bar, a fee of \$350.00 shall be paid for each additional bar. In municipally owned or supported facilities in which nonprofit organizations operate concession stands, a fee of \$100.00 shall be paid for each additional bar.

(p) Clubs selling beer, wine, mixed spirit drink, and spirits, \$300.00 for clubs having 150 or fewer duly accredited members and \$1.00 for each additional member. The membership list for the purpose only of determining the license fees to be paid under this section shall be the accredited list of members as determined by a sworn affidavit 30 days before the closing of the license year. This section shall not prevent the commission from checking a membership list and making its own determination from the list or otherwise. The list of members and additional members shall not be required of a club paying the maximum fee. The maximum fee shall not exceed \$750.00 for any 1 club.

(q) Warehousemen, to be fixed by the commission with a minimum fee for each warehouse of \$50.00.

(r) Special licenses, a fee of \$50.00 per day, except that the fee for that license or permit issued to any bona fide nonprofit association, duly organized and in continuous existence for 1 year before the filing of its application, shall be \$25.00. Not more than 5 special licenses may be granted to any organization, including an auxiliary of the organization, in a calendar year.

(s) Airlines licensed to carry passengers in this state which sell, offer for sale, provide, or transport alcoholic liquor, \$600.00.

- (t) Brandy manufacturer, \$100.00.
- (u) Mixed spirit drink manufacturer, \$100.00.
- (v) Brewpub, \$100.00.
- (w) Class G-1, \$1,000.00.
- (x) Class G-2, \$500.00.

(2) The fees provided in this act for the various types of licenses shall not be prorated for a portion of the effective period of the license.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved March 14, 2002.

Filed with Secretary of State March 15, 2002.

[No. 77]

(HB 5585)

AN ACT to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “An act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to the organization and jurisdiction of the courts of this state; the powers and duties of such courts, and of the judges and other officers thereof; the forms and attributes of civil claims and actions; the time within which civil actions and proceedings may be brought in said courts; pleading, evidence, practice and procedure in civil and criminal actions and proceedings in said courts; to provide remedies and penalties for the violation of certain provisions of this act; to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 6013 (MCL 600.6013), as amended by 2001 PA 175.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

600.6013 Interest on money judgment.

Sec. 6013. (1) Interest is allowed on a money judgment recovered in a civil action, as provided in this section. However, for complaints filed on or after October 1, 1986, interest is not allowed on future damages from the date of filing the complaint to the date of entry of the judgment. As used in this subsection, “future damages” means that term as defined in section 6301.

(2) For complaints filed before June 1, 1980, in an action involving other than a written instrument having a rate of interest exceeding 6% per year, the interest on the judgment is calculated from the date of filing the complaint to June 1, 1980, at the rate of 6% per year and on and after June 1, 1980, to the date of satisfaction of the judgment at the rate of 12% per year compounded annually.

(3) For a complaint filed before June 1, 1980, in an action involving a written instrument having a rate of interest exceeding 6% per year, the interest on the judgment is calculated from the date of filing the complaint to the date of satisfaction of the judgment at the rate specified in the instrument if the rate was legal at the time the instrument was executed. However, the rate after the date judgment is entered shall not exceed either of the following:

(a) Seven percent per year compounded annually for a period of time between the date judgment is entered and the date of satisfaction of the judgment that elapses before June 1, 1980.

(b) Thirteen percent per year compounded annually for a period of time between the date judgment is entered and the date of satisfaction of the judgment that elapses after May 31, 1980.

(4) For a complaint filed on or after June 1, 1980, but before January 1, 1987, interest is calculated from the date of filing the complaint to the date of satisfaction of the judgment at the rate of 12% per year compounded annually unless the judgment is rendered on a written instrument having a higher rate of interest. In that case interest is calculated at the rate specified in the instrument if the rate was legal at the time the instrument was executed. The rate shall not exceed 13% per year compounded annually after the date judgment is entered.

(5) Except as provided in subsection (6), for a complaint filed on or after January 1, 1987, but before July 1, 2002, if a judgment is rendered on a written instrument, interest is calculated from the date of filing the complaint to the date of satisfaction of the judgment at the rate of 12% per year compounded annually, unless the instrument has a higher rate of interest. In that case, interest shall be calculated at the rate specified in the instrument if the rate was legal at the time the instrument was executed. The rate shall not exceed 13% per year compounded annually after the date judgment is entered.

(6) For a complaint filed on or after January 1, 1987, but before July 1, 2002, if the civil action has not resulted in a final, nonappealable judgment as of July 1, 2002, and if a judgment is or has been rendered on a written instrument that does not evidence indebtedness with a specified interest rate, interest is calculated as provided in subsection (8).

(7) For a complaint filed on or after July 1, 2002, if a judgment is rendered on a written instrument evidencing indebtedness with a specified interest rate, interest is calculated from the date of filing the complaint to the date of satisfaction of the judgment at the rate specified in the instrument if the rate was legal at the time the instrument was executed. If the rate in the written instrument is a variable rate, interest shall be fixed at the rate in effect under the instrument at the time the complaint is filed. The rate under this subsection shall not exceed 13% per year compounded annually.

(8) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (5) and (7) and subject to subsection (13), for complaints filed on or after January 1, 1987, interest on a money judgment recovered in a civil action is calculated at 6-month intervals from the date of filing the complaint at a rate of interest equal to 1% plus the average interest rate paid at auctions of 5-year United States treasury notes during the 6 months immediately preceding July 1 and January 1, as certified by the state treasurer, and compounded annually, according to this section. Interest under this subsection is calculated on the entire amount of the money judgment, including attorney fees and other costs. The amount of interest attributable to that part of the money judgment from which attorney fees are paid is retained by the plaintiff, and not paid to the plaintiff's attorney.

(9) If a bona fide, reasonable written offer of settlement in a civil action based on tort is made by the party against whom the judgment is subsequently rendered and is rejected by the plaintiff, the court shall order that interest is not allowed beyond the date the bona fide, reasonable written offer of settlement is filed with the court.

(10) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (1) and subject to subsections (11) and (12), if a bona fide, reasonable written offer of settlement in a civil action based on tort is not made by the party against whom the judgment is subsequently rendered, or is made and is not filed with the court, the court shall order that interest be calculated from the date of filing the complaint to the date of satisfaction of the judgment.

(11) If a civil action is based on medical malpractice and the defendant in the medical malpractice action failed to allow access to medical records as required under section 2912b(5),

the court shall order that interest be calculated from the date notice was given in compliance with section 2912b to the date of satisfaction of the judgment.

(12) If a civil action is based on medical malpractice and the plaintiff in the medical malpractice action failed to allow access to medical records as required under section 2912b(5), the court shall order that interest be calculated from 182 days after the date the complaint was filed to the date of satisfaction of the judgment.

(13) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (1), if a bona fide, reasonable written offer of settlement in a civil action based on tort is made by a plaintiff for whom the judgment is subsequently rendered and that offer is rejected and the offer is filed with the court, the court shall order that interest be calculated from the date of the rejection of the offer to the date of satisfaction of the judgment at a rate of interest equal to 2% plus the rate of interest calculated under subsection (8).

(14) A bona fide, reasonable written offer of settlement made according to this section that is not accepted within 21 days after the offer is made is rejected. A rejection under this subsection or otherwise does not preclude a later offer by either party.

(15) As used in this section:

(a) “Bona fide, reasonable written offer of settlement” means either of the following:

(i) With respect to an offer of settlement made by a defendant against whom judgment is subsequently rendered, a written offer of settlement that is not less than 90% of the amount actually received by the plaintiff in the action through judgment.

(ii) With respect to an offer of settlement made by a plaintiff, a written offer of settlement that is not more than 110% of the amount actually received by the plaintiff in the action through judgment.

(b) “Defendant” means a defendant, a counter-defendant, or a cross-defendant.

(c) “Party” means a plaintiff or a defendant.

(d) “Plaintiff” means a plaintiff, a counter-plaintiff, or a cross-plaintiff.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved March 21, 2002.

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[No. 78]

(HB 5205)

AN ACT to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of owners and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for

the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to impose liability upon the state or local agencies; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date," by amending section 719 (MCL 257.719), as amended by 2000 PA 306.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

257.719 Height of vehicle; liability for damage to bridge or viaduct; normal length maximum; prohibitions; connecting assemblies and lighting devices; gross weight; violation as civil infraction; definitions.

Sec. 719. (1) A vehicle unloaded or with load shall not exceed a height of 13 feet 6 inches. The owner of a vehicle that collides with a lawfully established bridge or viaduct is liable for all damage and injury resulting from a collision caused by the height of the vehicle, whether the clearance of the bridge or viaduct is posted or not.

(2) Lengths described in this subsection shall be known as the normal length maximum. Except as provided in subsection (3), the following vehicles and combinations of vehicles shall not be operated on a highway in this state in excess of these lengths:

(a) Any single vehicle: 40 feet; any single bus: 45 feet.

(b) Articulated buses: 65 feet.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a combination of a truck and semitrailer or trailer, or a truck tractor, semitrailer, and trailer, or truck tractor and semitrailer or trailer, designed and used exclusively to transport assembled motor vehicles or bodies, recreational vehicles, or boats, that does not exceed a length of 65 feet. Stinger-steered combinations shall not exceed a length of 75 feet. The load on the combinations of vehicles described in this subdivision may extend an additional 3 feet beyond the front and 4 feet beyond the rear of the combinations of vehicles. Retractable extensions used to support and secure the load that do not extend beyond the allowable overhang for the front and rear shall not be included in determining length of a loaded vehicle or vehicle combination.

(d) Truck tractor and semitrailer combinations: no overall length, the semitrailer not to exceed 50 feet.

(e) Truck and semitrailer or trailer: 59 feet.

(f) Truck tractor, semitrailer, and trailer, or truck tractor and 2 semitrailers: 59 feet.

(g) More than 1 motor vehicle, wholly or partially assembled, in combination, utilizing 1 tow bar or 3 saddle mounts with full mount mechanisms and utilizing the motive power of 1 of the vehicles in combination, not to exceed 55 feet.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), the following vehicles and combinations of vehicles shall not be operated on a designated highway of this state in excess of these lengths:

(a) Truck tractor and semitrailer combinations: no overall length limit, the semitrailer not to exceed 53 feet. All semitrailers longer than 50 feet shall have a wheelbase of 37.5 to 40.5 feet plus or minus 0.5 feet, measured from the kingpin coupling to the center of the rear axle or the center of the rear axle assembly. Before April 1, 2003, a semitrailer with a length longer than 50 feet shall not operate with more than 2 axles on the semitrailer. After March 31, 2003, a semitrailer with a length longer than 50 feet shall not operate with more than 3 axles on the semitrailer. City, village, or county authorities may prohibit stops of vehicles with a semitrailer longer than 50 feet within their jurisdiction unless the stop occurs along appropriately designated routes, or is necessary for emergency purposes or to reach shippers, receivers, warehouses, and terminals along designated routes.