SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 98

A bill to amend 2007 PA 36, entitled "Michigan business tax act," by amending section 501 (MCL 208.1501).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 501. (1) A taxpayer that reasonably expects liability for
- 2 the tax year to exceed \$800.00 shall file an estimated return and
- 3 pay an estimated tax for each quarter of the taxpayer's tax year.
- 4 (2) For taxpayers on a calendar year basis, the quarterly
- 5 returns and estimated payments shall be made by April 15, July 15,
- 6 October 15, and January 15. Taxpayers not on a calendar year basis
- 7 shall file quarterly returns and make estimated payments on the
- 8 appropriate due date which in the taxpayer's fiscal year
- 9 corresponds to the calendar year.
- 10 (3) The EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION,

- 1 THE estimated payment made with each quarterly return of each tax
- 2 year shall be for the estimated business income tax base and
- 3 modified gross receipts tax base for the quarter or 25% of the
- 4 estimated annual liability. The second, third, and fourth estimated
- 5 payments in each tax year shall include adjustments, if necessary,
- 6 to correct underpayments or overpayments from previous quarterly
- 7 payments in the tax year to a revised estimate of the annual tax
- 8 liability. FOR A TAXPAYER THAT CALCULATES AND PAYS ESTIMATED
- 9 PAYMENTS FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES PURSUANT TO SECTION
- 10 6655(E) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, THAT TAXPAYER MAY USE THE
- 11 SAME METHODOLOGY AS USED TO CALCULATE THE ANNUALIZED INCOME
- 12 INSTALLMENT OR THE ADJUSTED SEASONAL INSTALLMENT, WHICHEVER IS USED
- 13 AS THE BASIS FOR THE FEDERAL ESTIMATED PAYMENT, TO CALCULATE THE
- 14 ESTIMATED PAYMENTS REQUIRED EACH QUARTER UNDER THIS SECTION. A
- 15 PENALTY FOR UNDERPAYMENT OF AN ESTIMATED TAX UNDER THIS ACT SHALL
- 16 NOT BE ASSESSED FOR A TAXPAYER'S FIRST TAX YEAR BEGINNING AFTER
- 17 DECEMBER 31, 2007 IF THAT TAXPAYER PAID 80% OF THE TAX DUE UNDER
- 18 THIS ACT FOR THE TAX YEAR.
- 19 (4) The interest provided by this act shall not be assessed if
- 20 any of the following occur:
- 21 (a) If the sum of the estimated payments equals at least 85%
- 22 of the liability and the amount of each estimated payment
- 23 reasonably approximates the tax liability incurred during the
- 24 quarter for which the estimated payment was made.
- 25 (b) For the 2009 tax year and each subsequent tax year, if the
- 26 preceding year's tax liability under this act was \$20,000.00 or
- 27 less and if the taxpayer submitted 4 equal installments the sum of

- 1 which equals the immediately preceding tax year's tax liability.
- 2 (5) Each estimated return shall be made on a form prescribed
- 3 by the department and shall include an estimate of the annual tax
- 4 liability and other information required by the state treasurer.
- 5 The form prescribed under this subsection may be combined with any
- 6 other tax reporting form prescribed by the department.
- 7 (6) With respect to a taxpayer filing an estimated tax return
- 8 for the taxpayer's first tax year of less than 12 months, the
- 9 amounts paid with each return shall be proportional to the number
- 10 of payments made in the first tax year.
- 11 (7) Payments made under this section shall be a credit against
- 12 the payment required with the annual tax return required in section
- **13** 505.
- 14 (8) If the department considers it necessary to insure payment
- 15 of the tax or to provide a more efficient administration of the
- 16 tax, the department may require filing of the returns and payment
- 17 of the tax for other than quarterly or annual periods.
- 18 (9) A taxpayer that elects under the internal revenue code to
- 19 file an annual federal income tax return by March 1 in the year
- 20 following the taxpayer's tax year and does not make a quarterly
- 21 estimate or payment, or does not make a quarterly estimate or
- 22 payment and files a tentative annual return with a tentative
- 23 payment by January 15 in the year following the taxpayer's tax year
- 24 and a final return by April 15 in the year following the taxpayer's
- 25 tax year, has the same option in filing the estimated and annual
- 26 returns required by this act.
- 27 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act is retroactive and is

1 effective for tax years beginning after December 31, 2007.