

# Legislative Analysis



## OPIOID LIABILITY LITIGATION

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**Senate Bill 592 as reported from House committee**

**Sponsor: Sen. Rosemary Bayer**

**House Committee: Judiciary**

**Senate Committee: Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety**

**Complete to 11-8-23**

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### SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 592 would amend the Opioid Liability Litigation Act<sup>1</sup> to prohibit a *political subdivision* of the state from commencing or maintaining an action (lawsuit) after January 1, 2022, that is related to the released claims in the following settlement agreements (which arise out of *In re Nat'l Prescription Opiate Litigation*<sup>2</sup>) against the released entities as defined in those agreements:<sup>3</sup>

- The master settlement agreement entered into by the state with Allergan Pharmaceuticals.
- The master settlement agreement entered into by the state with CVS Pharmacy.
- The master settlement agreement entered into by the state with Teva Pharmaceuticals.
- The master settlement agreement entered into by the state with Walgreens Pharmacy.
- The master settlement agreement entered into by the state with Walmart.

*Political subdivision* means a public body corporate in Michigan, an agency of a public body corporate in Michigan, a nonincorporated body in Michigan of whatever nature, or an agency of a nonincorporated body in Michigan. The term includes a county, city, village, township, school district, or special district or authority of the state, but does not include the state.

MCL 37.232

### FISCAL IMPACT:

A fiscal analysis is in progress.

### POSITIONS:

Representatives of the Department of Attorney General testified in support of the bill. (11-1-23)

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2021-2022/billanalysis/House/pdf/2021-HLA-0993-CD7AF455.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ohnd.uscourts.gov/mdl-2804>

<sup>3</sup> See <https://www.michigan.gov/ag/initiatives/opioids> also <https://www.michigan.gov/ag/news/press-releases/2023/06/12/ag-nessel-announces-over-338-million-opioid-settlement-with-walgreens>