

Legislative Analysis



LUNAR NEW YEAR

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House Bill 4448 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Sharon MacDonell
Committee: Government Operations
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4448 would create a new act to designate Lunar New Year as a holiday in Michigan. Specifically, the legislature would declare that the second new moon after the winter solstice (or the third new moon after the winter solstice if an intercalary month¹ intervenes), according to the Chinese calendar, shall be known as Lunar New Year, a holiday celebrated by those of Chinese, Korean, Taiwanese, Vietnamese, and other East or Southeast Asian origins.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

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¹ An intercalary month is a “leap month” inserted in the calendar about every second or third year (seven times in 19 years) to synchronize the lunar and solar calendars.