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## SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 6053

A bill to amend 2014 PA 92, entitled
"State essential services assessment act,"
by amending section 7 (MCL 211.1057), as amended by 2017 PA 262.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- Sec. 7. (1) The department shall collect and administer the
   assessment as provided in this section.
- 3 (2) Not later than May 1 in each assessment year, the
- 4 department shall make available in electronic form to each eligible
- 5 claimant a statement for calculation of the assessment as provided
- 6 in section 5. That statement shall be developed from the
- 7 information submitted by the eligible claimant on the combined
- 8 document as required by sections 9m and 9n of the general property
- 9 tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.9m and 211.9n.

- 1 (3) Not later than August 15 in each assessment year, each
- 2 eligible claimant shall electronically revise as necessary and
- 3 certify the completed statement and make full payment of the
- 4 assessment levied under section 5 for that assessment year as
- 5 calculated in section 5(2). The department may waive or delay the
- 6 electronic certification requirement at its discretion. The
- 7 department may accept a timely filed statement that calculates the
- 8 tax under this act that is transmitted and certified using
- 9 reporting software approved by the department, subject to audit
- 10 under subsection (6). A statement certified by an eligible claimant
- 11 shall include all of the eligible claimant's eligible personal
- 12 property located in this state subject to the assessment levied
- 13 under section 5. The statement required under this subsection shall
- 14 not be subject to disclosure under the freedom of information act,
- 15 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.
- 16 (4) If an eligible claimant does not certify the statement and
- 17 full payment of the assessment levied under section 5 by August 15,
- 18 the department shall issue a notice to the eligible claimant not
- 19 later than September 15. The notice shall include a statement
- 20 explaining the consequences of nonpayment as set forth in
- 21 subsection (5) and instructing the eligible claimant of its
- 22 potential responsibility under subsection (5)(e). An eligible
- 23 claimant shall submit payment in full by October APRIL 15 of the
- 24 YEAR FOLLOWING THE assessment year along with a penalty of 1% per
- 25 week 3% PER MONTH on the unpaid balance for each week MONTH payment
- 26 is not made in full up to a maximum of 5%-27% of the total amount
- 27 due and unpaid. IN CALCULATING THE PENALTY, A PARTIAL MONTH IS

- 1 CONSIDERED A WHOLE MONTH AND THE PENALTY SHALL NOT BE PRORATED
- 2 BASED ON THE DAY OF THE MONTH THE LATE PAYMENT IS RECEIVED. For the
- 3 eligible claimant's first assessment year, the penalty shall be
- 4 waived if the eligible claimant certifies the statement and makes
- 5 full payment of the assessment levied under section 5 by September
- 6 15. An eligible claimant may amend a certified statement for the
- 7 current year up to September 15. Payments made due to an amended
- 8 statement are subject to the penalties as described in this
- 9 subsection. The department shall issue refunds for overpayments due
- 10 to an amended statement. All refunds due to overpayment shall be
- 11 remitted without interest except as provided by section 37 of the
- 12 tax tribunal act, 1973 PA 186, MCL 205.737.
- 13 (5) For any assessment year in which an eligible claimant does
- 14 not submit payment in full and any penalty due under subsection (4)
- 15 or (6) by October APRIL 15 OF THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE ASSESSMENT
- 16 YEAR, or if the department discovers that the property is not
- 17 eligible under section 9m or 9n of the general property tax act,
- 18 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.9m and 211.9n, all of the following shall
- 19 apply:
- 20 (a) The department shall rescind no later than the first
- 21 Monday in December JUNE for the IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING assessment
- 22 year any exemption described in section 9m or 9n of the general
- 23 property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.9m and 211.9n, granted for
- 24 any parcel for which payment in full and any penalty due have not
- 25 been received or for which the department discovers that the
- 26 property is not eliqible under section 9m or 9n of the general
- 27 property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.9m and 211.9n.

- 1 (b) Upon request of the department, the state tax commission
- 2 shall issue an order to rescind no later than the first Monday in
- 3 December June for the IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING assessment year any
- 4 exemption under section 9f of the general property tax act, 1893 PA
- 5 206, MCL 211.9f, which exemption was approved under section 9f of
- 6 the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.9f, after 2013
- 7 for any parcel for which payment in full and any penalty due have
- 8 not been received or for which the state tax commission discovers
- 9 that the property is not eligible personal property.
- (c) Upon request of the department, the state tax commission
- 11 shall issue an order to rescind no later than the first Monday in
- 12 December June for the IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING assessment year any
- 13 exemption for eligible personal property subject to an extended
- 14 industrial facilities exemption certificate under section 11a of
- 15 1974 PA 198, MCL 207.561a, for any parcel for which payment in full
- 16 and any penalty due have not been received or for which the
- 17 department discovers that the property is not eliqible personal
- 18 property.
- (d) Upon request of the department, the state tax commission
- 20 shall issue an order to rescind no later than the first Monday in
- 21 December June for the IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING assessment year any
- 22 extended exemption for eligible personal property under section
- 23 9f(8)(a) of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.9f,
- 24 for any parcel for which payment in full and any penalty due have
- 25 not been received or for which the department discovers that the
- 26 property is not eligible personal property.
- 27 (e) The eligible claimant shall file with the assessor of the

- 1 township or city within 30 days of the date of the rescission
- 2 issued under subdivisions (a) to (d) a statement under section 19
- 3 of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.19, for all
- 4 property for which the exemption has been rescinded under this
- 5 section.
- **6** (f) Within 60 days of a rescission under subdivisions (a) to
- 7 (d), the treasurer of the local tax collecting unit shall issue
- 8 amended tax bills for any taxes, including penalty and interest,
- 9 that were not billed under the general property tax act, 1893 PA
- 10 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.155, or under 1974 PA 198, MCL 207.551 to
- 11 207.572, and that are owed as a result of the rescission.
- 12 (6) An eligible claimant shall provide access to the books and
- 13 records, for audit purposes, relating to the location and
- 14 description; the date of purchase, lease, or acquisition; and the
- 15 purchase price, lease amount, or value of all personal property
- 16 owned by, leased by, or in the possession of that person or a
- 17 related entity if requested by the assessor of the township or
- 18 city, county equalization department, or department for the year in
- 19 which the statement is filed and the immediately preceding 3 years.
- 20 The department shall develop and implement an audit program which
- 21 includes, but is not limited to, the audit of statements submitted
- 22 under subsection (3) and amended statements submitted under
- 23 subsection (4) for the current calendar year and the 3 calendar
- 24 years immediately preceding the commencement of an audit. An
- 25 assessment as a result of an audit shall be paid in full within 35
- 26 days of issuance and shall include penalties and interest as
- 27 described in section 154(3) of the general property tax act, 1893

- 1 PA 206, MCL 211.154. Refunds as a result of an audit under this
- 2 subsection shall be without interest. The exemption for personal
- 3 property for which an assessment has been issued as a result of an
- 4 audit under this subsection shall be subject to the rescission
- 5 provisions of subsection (5) for the years of the assessment if
- 6 full payment is not timely made as required by this subsection.
- 7 (7) An eligible claimant may appeal an assessment levied under
- 8 section 5 or a penalty or rescission under this section to the
- 9 Michigan tax tribunal by filing a petition not later than December
- 10 31 in that tax year. An eligible claimant may appeal an assessment
- 11 issued, including penalties, interest, or rescission, as a result
- 12 of an audit conducted under subsection (6) by filing a petition
- 13 with the Michigan tax tribunal within 35 days of the date of that
- 14 assessment's issuance. The department may appeal to the Michigan
- 15 tax tribunal by filing a petition for the current calendar year and
- 16 3 immediately preceding calendar years.
- 17 (8) The department may require eligible claimants to annually
- 18 file by the dates required under the general property tax act, 1893
- 19 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.155, a combined document that includes the
- 20 form to claim the exemption under sections 9f(9), 9m, and 9n of the
- 21 general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.9f, 211.9m, and
- 22 211.9n, and under section 11a of 1974 PA 198, MCL 207.561a, a
- 23 report of the fair market value and year of acquisition by the
- 24 first owner of eligible personal property, and for any year before
- 25 2023, a statement under section 19 of the general property tax act,
- 26 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.19. All of the following apply to the filing
- 27 of a combined document under this subsection:

- (a) The combined document shall be in a form prescribed by the
   department.
- 3 (b) As provided in sections 9m and 9n of the general property
- 4 tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.9m and 211.9n, leasing companies are
- 5 not eligible to receive the exemption for qualified new personal
- 6 property and qualified previously existing personal property and
- 7 may not use the combined document prescribed in this section. With
- 8 respect to personal property that is the subject of a lease
- 9 agreement, regardless of whether the agreement constitutes a lease
- 10 for financial or tax purposes, all of the following apply:
- 11 (i) If the personal property is eligible manufacturing
- 12 personal property, the lessee and lessor may elect that the lessee
- 13 report the leased personal property on the combined document.
- (ii) An election made by the lessor and the lessee under this
- 15 subdivision shall be made in a form and manner approved by the
- 16 department.
- 17 (iii) Absent an election, the personal property shall be
- 18 reported by the lessor on the personal property statement unless
- 19 the exemption for eligible manufacturing personal property is
- 20 claimed by the lessee on the combined document.
- 21 (c) For eligible personal property exempt under the Michigan
- 22 renaissance zone act, 1996 PA 376, MCL 125.2681 to 125.2696, an
- 23 eligible claimant shall report the fair market value of that
- 24 personal property at the time of acquisition by the first owner,
- 25 including the cost of freight, sales tax, installation, and other
- 26 capitalized costs, except capitalized interest.
- 27 (d) The combined document shall be filed with the assessor of

- 1 the township or city in which the eligible personal property is
- 2 located.
- 3 (e) The assessor shall transmit the information contained in
- 4 the combined document filed under this subsection, and other parcel
- 5 information required by the department, to the department in the
- 6 form and in the manner prescribed by the department no later than
- **7** April 1.
- 8 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act applies to taxes
- 9 levied after December 31, 2018.
- 10 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
- 11 unless House Bill No. 6054 of the 99th Legislature is enacted into
- **12** law.