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House Bill 5941 (as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Coleman Young  
House Committee: Tax Policy  
Senate Committee: Finance

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**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Business Tax (MBT) Act to provide that if the term "tax year" in the Act is used in reference to one or more previous or preceding tax years and those tax years were before January 1, 2008, then those tax years would be deemed the same tax years during which the former Single Business Tax (SBT) Act was in effect.

Under the MBT Act, "tax year" means the calendar year, or the fiscal year ending during the calendar year, upon the basis of which the MBT base of a taxpayer is computed. If a return is made for a fractional part of a year, "tax year" means the period for which the return is made. Except for the first return required by the Act, a taxpayer's tax year is for the same period as is covered by its Federal income tax return. A taxpayer that has a 52- or 53-week tax year beginning seven or fewer days before December 31 of any year is considered to have a tax year beginning after December of that tax year.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The change proposed in the bill is technical in nature and therefore would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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