HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 70

A bill to amend 1941 PA 122, entitled

"An act to establish the revenue collection duties of the department of treasury; to prescribe its powers and duties as the revenue collection agency of this state; to prescribe certain powers and duties of the state treasurer; to establish the collection duties of certain other state departments for money or accounts owed to this state; to regulate the importation, stamping, and disposition of certain tobacco products; to provide for the transfer of powers and duties now vested in certain other state boards, commissions, departments, and offices; to prescribe certain duties of and require certain reports from the department of treasury; to provide procedures for the payment, administration, audit, assessment, levy of interests or penalties on, and appeals of taxes and tax liability; to prescribe its powers and duties if an agreement to act as agent for a city to administer, collect, and enforce the city income tax act on behalf of a city is entered into with any city; to provide an appropriation; to abolish the state board of tax administration; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to declare the effect of this act,"

by amending section 28 (MCL 205.28), as amended by 2003 PA 114.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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- 1 Sec. 28. (1) The following conditions apply to all taxes
- 2 administered under this act unless otherwise provided for in the
- 3 specific tax statute:
- 4 (a) Notice, if required, shall be given either by personal
- 5 service or by certified mail addressed to the last known address of
- 6 the taxpayer. Service upon the department may be made in the same
- 7 manner.
- 8 (b) An injunction shall not issue to stay proceedings for the
- 9 assessment and collection of a tax.
- 10 (c) In addition to the mode of collection provided in this
- 11 act, the department may institute an action at law in any county in
- 12 which the taxpayer resides or transacts business.
- 13 (d) The state treasurer may request in writing information or
- 14 records in the possession of any other department, institution, or
- 15 agency of state government for the performance of duties under this
- 16 act. Departments, institutions, or agencies of state government
- 17 shall furnish the information and records upon receipt of the state
- 18 treasurer's request. Upon request of the state treasurer, any
- 19 department, institution, or agency of state government shall hold a
- 20 hearing under the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA
- 21 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, to consider withholding a license or
- 22 permit of a person for nonpayment of taxes or accounts collected
- 23 under this act.
- 24 (e) Except as otherwise provided in section 30c, the state
- 25 treasurer or an employee of the department shall not compromise or
- 26 reduce in any manner the taxes due to or claimed by this state or
- 27 unpaid accounts or amounts due to any department, institution, or

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- 1 agency of state government. This subdivision does not prevent a
- 2 compromise of interest or penalties, or both.
- 3 (f) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision OR IN
- 4 SUBSECTION (6), an employee, authorized representative, or former
- 5 employee or authorized representative of the department or anyone
- 6 connected with the department shall not divulge any facts or
- 7 information obtained in connection with the administration of a tax
- 8 or information or parameters that would enable a person to
- 9 ascertain the audit selection or processing criteria of the
- 10 department for a tax administered by the department. An employee or
- 11 authorized representative shall not willfully inspect any return or
- 12 information contained in a return unless it is appropriate for the
- 13 proper administration of a tax law administered under this act. A
- 14 person may disclose information described in this subdivision if
- 15 the disclosure is required for the proper administration of a tax
- 16 law administered under this act or the general property tax act,
- 17 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157 211.155, pursuant to a judicial
- 18 order sought by an agency charged with the duty of enforcing or
- 19 investigating support obligations pursuant to an order of a court
- 20 in a domestic relations matter as that term is defined in section 2
- 21 of the friend of the court act, 1982 PA 294, MCL 552.502, or
- 22 pursuant to a judicial order sought by an agency of the federal,
- 23 state, or local government charged with the responsibility for the
- 24 administration or enforcement of criminal law for purposes of
- 25 investigating or prosecuting criminal matters or for federal or
- 26 state grand jury proceedings or a judicial order if the taxpayer's
- 27 liability for a tax administered under this act is to be

- 1 adjudicated by the court that issued the judicial order. A PERSON
- 2 REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION UNDER SECTION 10(1)(J) OF THE
- 3 MICHIGAN ECONOMIC GROWTH AUTHORITY ACT, 1995 PA 24, MCL 207.810,
- 4 MAY DISCLOSE THE INFORMATION ONLY TO THE INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED IN
- 5 THAT SECTION. A person may disclose the adjusted gross receipts and
- 6 the wagering tax paid by a casino licensee licensed under the
- 7 Michigan gaming control and revenue act, the Initiated Law of 1996
- 8 IL 1, MCL 432.201 to 432.226, pursuant to section 18, sections 341,
- 9 342, and 386 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL
- 10 18.1341, 18.1342, and 18.1386, or authorization by the executive
- 11 director of the gaming control board. However, the state treasurer
- 12 or a person designated by the state treasurer may divulge
- information set forth or disclosed in a return or report or by an
- 14 investigation or audit to any department, institution, or agency of
- 15 state government upon receipt of a written request from a head of
- 16 the department, institution, or agency of state government if it is
- 17 required for the effective administration or enforcement of the
- 18 laws of this state, to a proper officer of the United States
- 19 department of treasury, and to a proper officer of another state
- 20 reciprocating in this privilege. The state treasurer may enter into
- 21 reciprocal agreements with other departments of state government,
- 22 the United States department of treasury, local governmental units
- 23 within this state, or taxing officials of other states for the
- 24 enforcement, collection, and exchange of data after ascertaining
- 25 that any information provided will be subject to confidentiality
- 26 restrictions substantially the same as the provisions of this act.
- 27 (2) A person who violates subsection (1)(e), (1)(f), or (4) is

- 1 quilty of a felony, punishable by a fine of not more than
- 2 \$5,000.00, or imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or both,
- 3 together with the costs of prosecution. In addition, if the offense
- 4 is committed by an employee of this state, the person shall be
- 5 dismissed from office or discharged from employment upon
- 6 conviction.
- 7 (3) A person liable for any tax administered under this act
- 8 shall keep accurate and complete records necessary for the proper
- 9 determination of tax liability as required by law or rule of the
- 10 department.
- 11 (4) A person who receives information under subsection (1)(f)
- 12 for the proper administration of the general property tax act, 1893
- 13 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157 211.155, shall not willfully disclose
- 14 that information for any purpose other than the administration of
- 15 the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157
- 16 211.155. A person who violates this subsection is subject to the
- 17 penalties provided in subsection (2).
- 18 (5) A PERSON IDENTIFIED IN SECTION 10(1) OF THE MICHIGAN
- 19 ECONOMIC GROWTH AUTHORITY ACT, 1995 PA 24, MCL 207.810, WHO
- 20 RECEIVES INFORMATION UNDER SECTION 10(1)(J) OF THE MICHIGAN
- 21 ECONOMIC GROWTH AUTHORITY ACT, 1995 PA 24, MCL 207.810, AS
- 22 PERMITTED IN SUBSECTION (1)(F), SHALL NOT WILLFULLY DISCLOSE THAT
- 23 INFORMATION FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF
- 24 HIS OR HER LEGISLATIVE DUTIES NOR DISCLOSE THAT INFORMATION TO
- 25 ANYONE OTHER THAN AN EMPLOYEE OF THE LEGISLATURE, WHO IS ALSO BOUND
- 26 BY THE SAME RESTRICTIONS. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION IS
- 27 RESPONSIBLE FOR AND SUBJECT TO A CIVIL FINE OF NOT MORE THAN

- 1 \$5,000.00 PER VIOLATION.
- 2 (6) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY PREPARE A REPORT CONTAINING
- 3 STATISTICS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION CONCERNING THE MICHIGAN
- 4 BUSINESS TAX ACT, 2007 PA 36, MCL 208.1101 TO 208.1601, FOR THE
- 5 MOST RECENT TAX YEAR FOR WHICH RELIABLE RETURN DATA HAVE BEEN
- 6 PROCESSED AND CLEARED IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF RETURN PROCESSING
- 7 BY THE DEPARTMENT. A COPY OF THE REPORT SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE
- 8 CHAIRPERSONS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING
- 9 COMMITTEES THAT HAVE JURISDICTION OVER MATTERS RELATING TO TAXATION
- 10 AND FINANCE, THE DIRECTOR OF THE SENATE FISCAL AGENCY, AND THE
- 11 DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSE FISCAL AGENCY. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT
- 12 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BROKEN DOWN BY BUSINESS SECTOR AND,
- 13 PROVIDED THAT NO GROUPING CONSISTS OF FEWER THAN 10 TAXPAYERS, BY
- 14 FIRM SIZE IN COMPLIANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1) (F) AND IN A MANNER THAT
- 15 DOES NOT RESULT IN THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION REGARDING ANY
- 16 SPECIFIC TAXPAYER:
- 17 (A) APPORTIONED BUSINESS INCOME TAX BASE.
- 18 (B) APPORTIONED MODIFIED GROSS RECEIPTS TAX BASE.
- 19 (C) BUSINESS INCOME TAX LIABILITY.
- 20 (D) USE OF CREDITS.
- 21 (E) MODIFIED GROSS RECEIPTS TAX LIABILITY.
- 22 (F) TOTAL FINAL LIABILITY.
- 23 (G) TOTAL LIABILITY BEFORE CREDITS.
- 24 (7) (5) As used in subsection (1), "adjusted gross receipts"
- 25 and "wagering tax" mean those terms as described in the Michigan
- 26 gaming control and revenue act, the Initiated Law of 1996 IL 1, MCL
- **27** 432.201 to 432.226.

- 1 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
- 2 unless all of the following bills of the 95th Legislature are
- 3 enacted into law:
- 4 (a) Senate Bill No. 71.
- 5 (b) Senate Bill No. 774.
- 6 (c) House Bill No. 4922.