SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 6054

A bill to amend 2014 PA 93, entitled "Alternative state essential services assessment act," by amending section 7 (MCL 211.1077), as amended by 2017 PA 263.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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

- 1 tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.9m and 211.9n.
- 2 (3) Not later than August 15 in each assessment year, each
- 3 eligible claimant shall electronically revise as necessary and
- 4 certify the completed statement and make full payment of the
- 5 assessment levied under section 5 for that assessment year as
- 6 calculated in section 5(2). The department may waive or delay the
- 7 electronic certification requirement at its discretion. The
- 8 department may accept a timely filed statement that calculates the
- 9 tax under this act that is transmitted and certified using
- 10 reporting software approved by the department, subject to audit
- 11 under subsection (6). A statement certified by an eligible claimant
- 12 shall include all of the eligible claimant's eligible personal
- 13 property located in this state subject to the assessment levied
- 14 under section 5. The statement required under this subsection shall
- 15 not be subject to disclosure under the freedom of information act,
- 16 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.
- 17 (4) If an eligible claimant does not certify the statement and
- 18 full payment of the assessment levied under section 5 by August 15,
- 19 the department shall issue a notice to the eligible claimant not
- 20 later than September 15. The notice shall include a statement
- 21 explaining the consequences of nonpayment as set forth in
- 22 subsection (5) and instructing the eligible claimant of its
- 23 potential responsibility under subsection (5)(e). An eligible
- 24 claimant shall submit payment in full by October APRIL 15 of the
- 25 YEAR FOLLOWING THE assessment year along with a penalty of 1% per
- 26 week-3% PER MONTH on the unpaid balance for each week-MONTH payment
- 27 is not made in full up to a maximum of 5% 27% of the total amount

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

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

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

- 1 assessment as a result of an audit shall be paid in full within 35
- 2 days of issuance and shall include penalties and interest as
- 3 described in section 154(3) of the general property tax act, 1893
- 4 PA 206, MCL 211.154. Refunds as a result of an audit under this
- 5 subsection shall be without interest. The exemption for personal
- 6 property for which an assessment has been issued as a result of an
- 7 audit under this subsection shall be subject to the rescission
- 8 provisions of subsection (5) for the years of the assessment if
- 9 full payment is not timely made as required by this subsection.
- 10 (7) An eligible claimant may appeal an assessment levied under
- 11 section 5 or a penalty or rescission under this section to the
- 12 Michigan tax tribunal by filing a petition not later than December
- 13 31 in that tax year. An eligible claimant may appeal an assessment
- 14 issued, including penalties, interest, or rescission, as a result
- 15 of an audit conducted under subsection (6) by filing a petition
- 16 with the Michigan tax tribunal within 35 days of the date of that
- 17 assessment's issuance. The department may appeal to the Michigan
- 18 tax tribunal by filing a petition for the current calendar year and
- 19 3 immediately preceding calendar years.
- 20 (8) The department may require eligible claimants to annually
- 21 file by the dates required under the general property tax act, 1893
- 22 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.55, a combined document that includes the
- 23 form to claim the exemption under sections 9f(9), 9m, and 9n of the
- 24 general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.9f, 211.9m, and
- 25 211.9n, and under section 11a of 1974 PA 198, MCL 207.561a, a
- 26 report of the fair market value and year of acquisition by the
- 27 first owner of eligible personal property, and for any year before

- 1 2023, a statement under section 19 of the general property tax act,
- 2 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.19. All of the following apply to the filing
- 3 of a combined document under this subsection:
- 4 (a) The combined document shall be in a form prescribed by the
- 5 department.
- 6 (b) As provided in sections 9m and 9n of the general property
- 7 tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.9m and 211.9n, leasing companies are
- 8 not eligible to receive the exemption for qualified new personal
- 9 property and qualified previously existing personal property and
- 10 may not use the combined document prescribed in this section. With
- 11 respect to personal property that is the subject of a lease
- 12 agreement, regardless of whether the agreement constitutes a lease
- 13 for financial or tax purposes, all of the following apply:
- 14 (i) If the personal property is eligible manufacturing
- 15 personal property, the lessee and lessor may elect that the lessee
- 16 report the leased personal property on the combined document.
- 17 (ii) An election made by the lessor and the lessee under this
- 18 subdivision shall be made in a form and manner approved by the
- 19 department.
- 20 (iii) Absent an election, the personal property shall be
- 21 reported by the lessor on the personal property statement unless
- 22 the exemption for eligible manufacturing personal property is
- 23 claimed by the lessee on the combined document.
- 24 (c) For eligible personal property exempt under the Michigan
- 25 renaissance zone act, 1996 PA 376, MCL 125.2681 to 125.2696, an
- 26 eligible claimant shall report the fair market value of that
- 27 personal property at the time of acquisition by the first owner,

- 1 including the cost of freight, sales tax, installation, and other
- 2 capitalized costs, except capitalized interest.
- 3 (d) The combined document shall be filed with the assessor of
- 4 the township or city in which the eligible personal property is
- 5 located.
- 6 (e) The assessor shall transmit the information contained in
- 7 the combined document filed under this subsection, and other parcel
- 8 information required by the department, to the department in the
- 9 form and in the manner prescribed by the department no later than
- **10** April 1.
- 11 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act applies to taxes
- 12 levied after December 31, 2018.
- 13 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
- 14 unless House Bill No. 6053 of the 99th Legislature is enacted into
- **15** law.