SENATE BILL NO. 153

February 18, 2021, Introduced by Senators BRINKS, ANANICH, WOJNO, POLEHANKI, SANTANA, GEISS, MCCANN, CHANG, MOSS, BAYER, BULLOCK, ALEXANDER, IRWIN and HERTEL and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled "Use tax act,"

by amending sections 4 and 21 (MCL 205.94 and 205.111), section 4 as amended by 2018 PA 679 and section 21 as amended by 2020 PA 30.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 4. (1) The following are exempt from the tax levied under 2 this act, subject to subsection (2):
- 3 (a) Property sold in this state on which transaction a tax is
- 4 paid under the general sales tax act, 1933 PA 167, MCL 205.51 to
- 5 205.78, if the tax was due and paid on the retail sale to a

- 1 consumer.
- 2 (b) Property, the storage, use, or other consumption of which
- 3 this state is prohibited from taxing under the constitution
- 4 Constitution or laws of the United States, or under the
- 5 constitution of this state.
- 6 (c) All of the following:
- 7 (i) Property purchased for resale. Property purchased for
- 8 resale includes promotional merchandise transferred pursuant to a
- 9 redemption offer to a person located outside this state or any
- 10 packaging material, other than promotional merchandise, acquired
- 11 for use in fulfilling a redemption offer or rebate to a person
- 12 located outside this state.
- 13 (ii) Property purchased for lending or leasing to a public or
- 14 parochial school offering a course in automobile driving except
- 15 that a vehicle purchased by the school shall must be certified for
- 16 driving education and shall must not be reassigned for personal use
- 17 by the school's administrative personnel.
- 18 (iii) Property purchased for demonstration purposes. For a new
- 19 vehicle dealer selling a new car or truck, exemption for
- 20 demonstration purposes shall be is determined by the number of new
- 21 cars and trucks sold during the current calendar year or the
- 22 immediately preceding calendar year, without regard to specific
- 23 make or style, according to the following schedule but not to
- 24 exceed 25 cars and trucks in 1 calendar year for demonstration
- 25 purposes:
- **26** (A) 0 to 25, 2 units.
- **27** (B) 26 to 100, 7 units.
- **28** (C) 101 to 500, 20 units.
- **29** (D) 501 or more, 25 units.

- 1 (iv) Motor vehicles purchased for resale purposes by a new
 2 vehicle dealer licensed under section 248(8)(a) of the Michigan
 3 vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.248.
- 4 (d) Property that is brought into this state by a nonresident
 5 person for storage, use, or consumption while temporarily within
 6 this state, except if the property is used in this state in a
 7 nontransitory business activity for a period exceeding 15 days.
- 8 (e) Property the sale or use of which was already subjected to 9 a sales tax or use tax equal to, or in excess of, that imposed by 10 this act under the law of any other state or a local governmental unit within a state if the tax was due and paid on the retail sale 11 12 to the consumer and the state or local governmental unit within a 13 state in which the tax was imposed accords like or complete 14 exemption on property the sale or use of which was subjected to the 15 sales or use tax of this state. If the sale or use of property was 16 already subjected to a tax under the law of any other state or 17 local governmental unit within a state in an amount less than the 18 tax imposed by this act, this act shall apply, applies, but at a 19 rate measured by the difference between the rate provided in this 20 act and the rate by which the previous tax was computed.
 - (f) Except as otherwise provided under subsection (3), property sold to a person engaged in a business enterprise that uses or consumes the property, directly or indirectly, for either the tilling, planting, draining, caring for, maintaining, or harvesting of things of the soil or the breeding, raising, or caring for livestock, poultry, or horticultural products, including the transfers of livestock, poultry, or horticultural products for further growth.

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(g) Property or services sold to the United States, an

- 1 unincorporated agency or instrumentality of the United States, an
- 2 incorporated agency or instrumentality of the United States wholly
- 3 owned by the United States or by a corporation wholly owned by the
- 4 United States, the American Red Cross and its chapters or branches,
- 5 this state, a department or institution of this state, or a
- 6 political subdivision of this state.
- 7 (h) Property or services sold to a school, hospital, or home
- 8 for the care and maintenance of children or aged persons,
- 9 individuals, operated by an entity of government, a regularly
- 10 organized church, religious organization, or fraternal
- 11 organization, a veterans' organization, or a corporation
- 12 incorporated under the laws of this state, if not operated for
- 13 profit, and if the income or benefit from the operation does not
- 14 inure, in whole or in part, to an individual or private
- 15 shareholder, directly or indirectly, and if the activities of the
- 16 entity or agency are carried on exclusively for the benefit of the
- 17 public at large and are not limited to the advantage, interests,
- 18 and benefits of its members or a restricted group. The tax levied
- 19 does not apply to property or services sold to a parent cooperative
- 20 preschool. As used in this subdivision, "parent cooperative
- 21 preschool" means a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory educational
- 22 institution, maintained as a community service and administered by
- 23 parents of children currently enrolled in the preschool that
- 24 provides an educational and developmental program for children
- 25 younger than compulsory school age, that provides an educational
- 26 program for parents, including active participation with children
- 27 in preschool activities, that is directed by qualified preschool
- 28 personnel, and that is licensed pursuant to under 1973 PA 116, MCL
- **29** 722.111 to 722.128.

- 1 (i) Property or services sold to a regularly organized church2 or house of religious worship except the following:
- 3 (i) Sales in which the property is used in activities that are4 mainly commercial enterprises.
- 5 (ii) Sales of vehicles licensed for use on the public highways
 6 other than a passenger van or bus with a manufacturer's rated
 7 seating capacity of 10 or more that is used primarily for the
 8 transportation of persons individuals for religious purposes.
- 9 (j) A vessel designed for commercial use of registered tonnage 10 of 500 tons or more, if produced upon special order of the 11 purchaser, and bunker and galley fuel, provisions, supplies, 12 maintenance, and repairs for the exclusive use of a vessel of 500 13 tons or more engaged in interstate commerce.
- 18 (1) A newspaper or periodical classified under federal postal 19 laws and regulations effective September 1, 1985 as second-class 20 mail matter or as a controlled circulation publication or qualified to accept legal notices for publication in this state, as defined 21 22 by law, or any other newspaper or periodical of general 23 circulation, established at least not less than 2 years, and 24 published at least once a week, and a copyrighted motion picture 25 film. Tangible personal property used or consumed in producing a copyrighted motion picture film, a newspaper published more than 14 26 27 times per year, or a periodical published more than 14 times per 28 year, and not becoming a component part of that film, newspaper, or 29 periodical is subject to the tax. Tangible personal property used

- 1 or consumed in producing a newspaper published 14 times or less per
- 2 year or a periodical published 14 times or less per year and that
- 3 portion or percentage of tangible personal property used or
- 4 consumed in producing an advertising supplement that becomes a
- 5 component part of a newspaper or periodical is exempt from the tax
- 6 under this subdivision. For purposes of this subdivision, tangible
- 7 personal property that becomes a component part of a newspaper or
- 8 periodical and consequently not subject to tax, includes an
- 9 advertising supplement inserted into and circulated with a
- 10 newspaper or periodical that is otherwise exempt from tax under
- 11 this subdivision, if the advertising supplement is delivered
- 12 directly to the newspaper or periodical by a person other than the
- 13 advertiser, or the advertising supplement is printed by the
- 14 newspaper or periodical.
- (m) Property purchased by persons licensed to operate a
- 16 commercial radio or television station if the property is used in
- 17 the origination or integration of the various sources of program
- 18 material for commercial radio or television transmission. This
- 19 subdivision does not include a vehicle licensed and titled for use
- 20 on public highways or property used in the transmitting to or
- 21 receiving from an artificial satellite.
- 22 (n) A person An individual who is a resident of this state who
- 23 purchases an automobile in another state while in the military
- 24 service of the United States and who pays a sales tax in the state
- 25 where the automobile is purchased.
- 26 (o) A vehicle for which a special registration is secured in
- 27 accordance with section 226(9) of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949
- 28 PA 300, MCL 257.226.
- 29 (p) The sale of a prosthetic device, durable medical

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- 2 (q) Water when if delivered through water mains, water sold in
 3 bulk tanks in quantities of not less than 500 gallons, or the sale
 4 of bottled water.
- (r) A vehicle not for resale used by a nonprofit corporation
 organized exclusively to provide a community with ambulance or fire
 department services.
- 8 (s) Tangible personal property purchased and installed as a 9 component part of a water pollution control facility for which a 10 tax exemption certificate is issued pursuant to **under** part 37 of 11 the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.3701 to 324.3708, or an air pollution control facility 12 13 for which a tax exemption certificate is issued pursuant to under part 59 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 14 15 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.5901 to 324.5908.
- 16 (t) Tangible real or personal property donated by a
 17 manufacturer, wholesaler, or retailer to an organization or entity
 18 exempt pursuant to under subdivision (h) or (i) or section 4a(1)(a)
 19 or (b) of the general sales tax act, 1933 PA 167, MCL 205.54a.
 - (u) The storage, use, or consumption of an aircraft by a domestic air carrier for use solely in the transport of air cargo, passengers, or a combination of air cargo and passengers, that has a maximum certificated takeoff weight of at least 6,000 pounds. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "domestic air carrier" is limited to a person engaged primarily in the commercial transport for hire of air cargo, passengers, or a combination of air cargo and passengers as a business activity. The state treasurer shall estimate on January 1 each year the revenue lost by this act from the school aid fund and deposit that amount into the school aid

- 1 fund from the general fund.
- 2 (v) The storage, use, or consumption of an aircraft by a
- 3 person who purchases the aircraft for subsequent lease to a
- 4 domestic air carrier operating under a certificate issued by the
- 5 <u>federal aviation administration</u> Federal Aviation Administration
- 6 under 14 CFR part 121, for use solely in the regularly scheduled
- 7 transport of passengers.
- 8 (w) Property or services sold to an organization not operated
- 9 for profit and exempt from federal income tax under section
- 10 501(c)(3) or $\frac{501(c)(4)}{4}$ (4) of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26
- 11 USC 501; or to a health, welfare, educational, cultural arts,
- 12 charitable, or benevolent organization not operated for profit that
- 13 has been issued before June 13, 1994 an exemption ruling letter to
- 14 purchase items exempt from tax signed by the administrator of the
- 15 sales, use, and withholding taxes division of the department. The
- 16 department shall reissue an exemption letter after June 13, 1994 to
- 17 each of those organizations that had an exemption letter that shall
- 18 remain remains in effect unless the organization fails to meet the
- 19 requirements that originally entitled it to this exemption. The
- 20 exemption does not apply to sales of tangible personal property and
- 21 sales of vehicles licensed for use on public highways, that are not
- 22 used primarily to carry out the purposes of the organization as
- 23 stated in the bylaws or articles of incorporation of the exempt
- 24 organization.
- 25 (x) The use or consumption of services described in section
- 26 3a(1)(a) or (b) (c) or 3b by means of a prepaid telephone calling
- 27 card, a prepaid authorization number for telephone use, or a charge
- 28 for internet access.
- 29 (y) The purchase, lease, use, or consumption of the following

- 1 by an industrial laundry:
- 2 (i) Textiles and disposable products including, but not limited
- 3 to, soap, paper, chemicals, tissues, deodorizers and dispensers,
- 4 and all related items such as packaging, supplies, hangers, name
- 5 tags, and identification tags.
- (ii) Equipment, whether owned or leased, used to repair and
- 7 dispense textiles including, but not limited to, roll towel
- 8 cabinets, slings, hardware, lockers, mop handles and frames, and
- 9 carts.
- 10 (iii) Machinery, equipment, parts, lubricants, and repair
- 11 services used to clean, process, and package textiles and related
- 12 items, whether owned or leased.
- 13 (iv) Utilities such as electric, gas, water, or oil.
- (v) Production washroom equipment and mending and packaging
- 15 supplies and equipment.
- 16 (vi) Material handling equipment including, but not limited to,
- 17 conveyors, racks, and elevators and related control equipment.
- 18 (vii) Wastewater pretreatment equipment and supplies and
- 19 related maintenance and repair services.
- 20 (z) Property purchased or manufactured by a person engaged in
- 21 the business of constructing, altering, repairing, or improving
- 22 real estate for others, to the extent that the property is affixed
- 23 to and made a structural part of real estate located in another
- 24 state, regardless of whether sales or use tax was due and paid in
- 25 the state in which the property is affixed to real estate.
- 26 (aa) The sale of a dental prosthesis.
- (bb) Except as otherwise provided under subsection (3), a sale
- 28 of any of the following to a person engaged in a business
- 29 enterprise that uses or consumes the following for purposes as

- 1 described in subdivision (f):
- 2 (i) Machinery that is capable of simultaneously harvesting
 3 grain or other crops and biomass and machinery used for the purpose
 4 of harvesting biomass.
- $\mathbf{5}$ (ii) Agricultural land tile and subsurface irrigation pipe.
- 6 (iii) Portable grain bins, including tangible personal property
 7 affixed or to be affixed to portable grain bins and directly used
 8 in the operation of a portable grain bin.
- 9 (iv) Grain drying equipment and the fuel or energy source that
 10 powers that equipment, including tangible personal property affixed
 11 or to be affixed to that equipment and directly used in the
 12 operation of grain drying equipment.
- (v) Tangible personal property purchased and installed as a 13 14 component part of a structure such as a barn or shop, including, 15 but not limited to, a water supply system, heating and cooling 16 system, lighting system, milking system, or any other appurtenance 17 used for purposes described in this subdivision or subdivision (f), including the maintenance or improvement of existing structures, to 18 19 the extent that it is not permanently affixed to and does not become a structural part of real estate. For purposes of this 20 21 subparagraph and subsection (3), property installed as a component 22 part of a structure as provided in this subparagraph is not 23 permanently affixed to or a structural part of real estate if it is assembled and installed in a manner that it can be disassembled 24 25 without affecting the physical structural functionality of the 26 original structure and reassembled and reused for any of the 27 purposes described in this subdivision or subdivision (f).
- (vi) Greenhouses, including tangible personal property affixedto or to be affixed to greenhouses and directly used in the

- 1 operation of a greenhouse. For purposes of subsection (3), a
- 2 greenhouse is not permanently affixed to or a structural part of
- 3 real estate if it is assembled and installed in a manner that it
- 4 can be disassembled and reassembled without affecting the
- 5 functionality of the greenhouse upon being reassembled.
- 6 (cc) The sale of agricultural land tile, subsurface irrigation
- 7 pipe, portable grain bins, greenhouses, and grain drying equipment
- 8 to a person in the business of constructing, altering, repairing,
- 9 or improving real estate for others to the extent that it is
- 10 affixed to and made a structural part of real estate for others and
- 11 is used for an exempt purpose described under subdivision (f) or
- **12** (bb).
- 13 (dd) The sale of tangible personal property used in the direct
- 14 gathering of fish, by net, line, or otherwise, by an owner-operator
- 15 of a business enterprise, not including a charter fishing business
- 16 enterprise.
- 17 (ee) A sale of tangible personal property that is specifically
- 18 designed for, and directly used in, the harvesting of aquatic
- 19 vegetation from the waters of the state, including parts and
- 20 materials used for repairs of that tangible personal property, to a
- 21 person engaged in a business enterprise of harvesting aquatic
- 22 vegetation and ultimately used for purposes described in
- 23 subdivision (f) or (bb). This exemption does not include a motor
- 24 vehicle licensed or required to be licensed for use on the public
- 25 roads or highways of this state or tangible personal property
- 26 permanently affixed to and becoming a structural part of real
- 27 estate.
- 28 (ff) The purchase or lease of a school bus or transportation-
- 29 related services, and parts or adaptive equipment affixed or to be

- 1 affixed to a school bus which that are used in the repair,
- 2 maintenance, accommodation, or modification of a school bus, if the
- 3 school bus or services are primarily used in the performance of a
- 4 contract entered into with an authorized representative of a school
- 5 for the transportation of preprimary, primary, or secondary school
- 6 pupils to or from a school or school-related events authorized by
- 7 the administration of the school. However, if the school bus is
- 8 used to provide transportation-related services other than to or
- 9 from a school or school-related event authorized by the
- 10 administration of the school to a nonexempt entity, then the amount
- 11 paid for those services by the nonexempt entity is not exempt under
- 12 this subdivision. As used in this subdivision:
- 13 (i) "Lease" means any transfer of possession or control for a
- 14 fixed or indeterminate term for consideration and may include
- 15 future options to purchase or extend.
- 16 (ii) "School" means a public school or public school academy as
- 17 defined in section 5 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL
- **18** 380.5.
- 19 (iii) "School bus" means that term as defined in section 7 of
- 20 the pupil transportation act, 1990 PA 187, MCL 257.1807.
- 21 (gg) The sale of feminine hygiene products after September 30,
- 22 2021. As used in this subdivision, "feminine hygiene products"
- 23 means tampons, panty liners, menstrual cups, sanitary napkins, and
- 24 other similar tangible personal property designed for feminine
- 25 hygiene in connection with the human menstrual cycle.
- 26 (2) The property or services under subsection (1) are exempt
- 27 only to the extent that the property or services are used for the
- 28 exempt purposes if one is stated in subsection (1). The exemption
- 29 is limited to the percentage of exempt use to total use determined

- 1 by a reasonable formula or method approved by the department.
- 2 (3) The exemptions under subsection (1)(f), (bb), (cc), and
- 3 (dd) do not include the transfers of food, fuel, clothing, or any
- 4 similar tangible personal property for personal living or human
- 5 consumption or tangible personal property permanently affixed to
- 6 and becoming a structural part of real estate unless it is
- 7 agricultural land tile, subsurface irrigation pipe, a portable
- 8 grain bin, or grain drying equipment.
- 9 (4) Subsections Subsection (1)(f), (bb), and (cc) as amended
- 10 by 2018 PA 114 are is intended to be retroactive and to apply to
- 11 all periods open under section 27a of 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.27a, but
- 12 do does not apply to any refund claims filed prior to before April
- **13** 9, 2018.
- 14 (5) As used in this section:
- 15 (a) "Agricultural land tile" means fired clay or perforated
- 16 plastic tubing used as part of a subsurface drainage system for
- **17** land.
- 18 (b) "Algae" means any of the group of nonvascular aquatic
- 19 plants which that do not have stems, flowers, leaves, and roots,
- 20 and which that are single-celled, colonial, or filamentous forms.
- 21 (c) "Aquatic vegetation" means both algae and higher aquatic
- 22 plants.
- 23 (d) "Biomass" means crop residue used to produce energy or
- 24 agricultural crops grown specifically for the production of energy.
- 25 (e) "Greenhouse" means a structure covered with transparent or
- 26 translucent materials for the purpose of admitting natural light
- 27 and controlling the atmosphere for growing horticultural products.
- 28 Greenhouse does not include a structure primarily used to grow
- 29 marihuana.

- 1 (f) "Higher aquatic plant" means any of the group of
 2 vascularized plants which that have true stems, flowers, leaves,
 3 and roots, which that live in water, and which that belong to the
 4 class Angiospermae.
- (g) "Portable grain bin" means a structure that is used or is
 to be used to shelter grain and that is designed to be disassembled
 without significant damage to its component parts.
- 8 (h) "Waters of the state" means that term as defined in
 9 section 3302 of the natural resources and environmental protection
 10 act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.3302.
- Sec. 21. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5), all money received and collected under this act must be deposited by the department of treasury in the state treasury to the credit of the general fund, to be disbursed only by appropriations by the legislature.
- 16 (2) The collections from the use tax imposed at the additional 17 rate of 2% approved by the electors on March 15, 1994 must be 18 deposited in the state school aid fund established in section 11 of 19 article IX of the state constitution of 1963.

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(3) From the money received and collected under this act for the state share, an amount equal to all revenue lost under the state education tax act, 1993 PA 331, MCL 211.901 to 211.906, and all revenue lost from basic school operating mills, as a result of the exemption of personal property under sections 9m, 9n, and 9o of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.9m, 211.9n, and 211.9o, and all revenue lost to the school aid fund as a result of the exemption exemptions under section sections 4(1)(gg) and 4cc, as determined by the department, must be deposited into the state school aid fund established by section 11 of article IX of the

- 1 state constitution of 1963. Funds deposited into the state school
- 2 aid fund under this subsection must not include the portion of the
- $\bf 3$ state share of the use tax imposed at the additional rate of 2%
- 4 approved by the electors of this state on March 15, 1994 and
- 5 dedicated for aid to schools under subsection (2). A person that
- 6 claims an exemption under section 4cc shall report the purchase
- 7 price of the data center equipment as defined in section 4cc and
- 8 any other information necessary to determine the amount of revenue
- 9 lost to the school aid fund as a result of the exemption under
- 10 section 4cc annually on a form at the time and in a manner
- 11 prescribed by the department. The report required under this
- 12 subsection shall must not include any remittance for tax and does
- ${f 13}$ not constitute a return or otherwise alleviate the person's
- 14 obligations under section 6.
- 15 (4) Money received and collected under this act for the local
- 16 community stabilization share is not state funds, must not be
- 17 credited to the state treasury, and must be transmitted to the
- 18 authority for deposit in the treasury of the authority, to be
- 19 disbursed by the authority only as authorized under the local
- 20 community stabilization authority act, 2014 PA 86, MCL 123.1341 to
- 21 123.1362. The local community stabilization share is a local tax,
- 22 not a state tax, and money received and collected for the local
- 23 community stabilization share is money of the authority and not
- 24 money of this state.
- 25 (5) Beginning October 1, 2016 and the first day of each
- 26 calendar quarter thereafter, from the money received and collected
- 27 under this act for the state share, an amount equal to the
- 28 collections for the calendar quarter that is 2 calendar quarters
- 29 immediately preceding the current calendar quarter of the tax

- imposed under this act at the additional rate of 2% approved by the
 electors on March 15, 1994 from the use, storage, or consumption of
- 3 aviation fuel must be distributed as follows:
- 4 (a) An amount equal to 35% of the collections of the tax
 5 imposed at a rate of 2% on the use, storage, or consumption of
 6 aviation fuel must be deposited in the state aeronautics fund and
 7 must be expended, on appropriation, only for those purposes
 8 authorized in the aeronautics code of the state of Michigan, 1945
- 8 authorized in the aeronautics code of the state of Michigan, 19459 PA 327, MCL 259.1 to 259.208.
- 10 (b) An amount equal to 65% of the collections of the tax
 11 imposed at a rate of 2% on the use, storage, or consumption of
 12 aviation fuel must be deposited in the qualified airport fund and
 13 must be expended, on appropriation, only for those purposes
 14 authorized under section 35 of the aeronautics code of the state of
 15 Michigan, 1945 PA 327, MCL 259.35.
- 16 (6) The department shall, on an annual basis, reconcile the amounts distributed under subsection (5) during each fiscal year 17 18 with the amounts actually collected for a particular fiscal year 19 and shall make any necessary adjustments, positive or negative, to 20 the amounts to be distributed for the next successive calendar quarter that begins January 1. The state treasurer or his or her 21 22 designee shall annually provide to the operator of each qualified 23 airport a report of the reconciliation performed under this 24 subsection. The reconciliation report is subject to the
- **27** (7) As used in this section:

28(1)(f) of 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.28.

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(a) "Aviation fuel" means fuel as that term is defined insection 4 of the aeronautics code of the state of Michigan, 1945 PA

confidentiality restrictions and penalties provided in section

- **1** 327, MCL 259.4.
- 2 (b) "Qualified airport" means that term as defined in section
- 3 109 of the aeronautics code of the state of Michigan, 1945 PA 327,
- **4** MCL 259.109.
- 5 (c) "Qualified airport fund" means the qualified airport fund
- 6 created in section 34(2) of the aeronautics code of the state of
- 7 Michigan, 1945 PA 327, MCL 259.34.
- 8 (d) "State aeronautics fund" means the state aeronautics fund
- 9 created in section 34(1) of the aeronautics code of the state of
- 10 Michigan, 1945 PA 327, MCL 259.34.
- 11 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
- 12 unless Senate Bill No. 154 of the 101st Legislature is enacted into
- **13** law.