

Senate Watch

A summary of today's Senate actions;
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5/7/09

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

SR 15 (Whitmer)

A resolution to amend the Standing Rules of the Senate to require that majority and minority offices have the same compensation and expense levels, and to make all senate compensation and expense information publicly available on the Senate website.

- Motion to call the call the question defeated
- Motion to discharge defeated [RC 147: 16 yes, 21 no]
- Motion to reconsider vote and pass item until 12/31/2009 adopted

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

SB 145 (Barcia)

Senate Bill 145 amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to allow the fair market value of property to be ordered as part of a defendant's restitution to a victim.

- The Senate concurred with the House amendments [RC 148: 37 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

SB 146 (Cropsey)

Senate Bill 146 amends the William Van Regenmorter Crime Victims Rights Act to allow the fair market value of property to be ordered as part of a defendant's restitution to a victim.

- The Senate concurred with the House amendments [RC 149: 37 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

THIRD READING

SB 194

(Richardville)

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to include the following felony offenses in the sentencing guidelines:

- Improper return of 10,000 or more nonrefundable containers, which would be a Class H felony against the public order with a statutory maximum sentence of five year's imprisonment.
- Improper acceptance or delivery of 10,000 or more nonrefundable containers by a dealer or distributor, which would be a Class H felony against the public order with a statutory maximum sentence of five year's imprisonment.
- Changing, altering, or modifying reverse vending machines or data for reverse vending machines, which would be a Class G felony against the public order with a statutory maximum of two year's imprisonment.

- SB 194 was passed [RC 165: 35 yes, 2 not voting]

GENERAL ORDERS – (TO PASSAGE)

SB 290

(Jacobs)

Hire Michigan First: Brownfield Redevelopment Financing.

- Committee substitute S-1 adopted
- SB 290 advanced to 3rd Reading
- Clarke-1 adopted
- Jacobs substitute S-2 not adopted
- Jacobs-3 adopted
- SB 290 was adopted [RC 160: 37 yes, 0 no]

SB 293

(Olshove)

Hire Michigan First: MI Renaissance Zone Act.

- Committee substitute S-2 adopted
- SB 293 advanced to 3rd Reading
- Olshove substitute S-3 not adopted
- SB 293 was passed [RC 151: 37 yes, 0 no]

SB 295**(Switalski)**

Hire Michigan First: Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act.

- Committee substitute S-1 adopted
- SB 295 advanced to 3rd Reading
- Switalski substitute S-2 not adopted
- SB 295 was passed [RC 159: 37 yes, 0 no]

SB 502**(Allen)**

Hire Michigan First: DMB Purchasing.

- Committee substitute S-1 adopted
- SB 502 advanced to 3rd Reading
- SB 502 was passed [RC 152: 37 yes, 0 no]

HB 4083**(Miller)**

Hire Michigan First: 21st Century Jobs Fund.

- Committee substitute S-2 adopted
- HB 4083 advanced to 3rd Reading
- Anderson substitute S-3 not adopted [RC 157: 17 yes, 20 no]
- HB 4083 was passed [RC 158: 37 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 4089**(Nerat)**

Hire Michigan First: MEGA.

- Committee substitute S-2 adopted
- HB 4089 advanced to 3rd Reading
- Whitmer substitute S-3 not adopted [RC 155: 16 yes, 21 no]
- HB 4089 was passed [RC 156: 37 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 4092**(Constan)**

Hire Michigan First: Industrial Revenue Bond Act.

- Committee substitute S-1 adopted
- HB 4092 advanced to 3rd Reading
- Brater substitute S-2 not adopted [RC 161: 17 yes, 20 no]
- HB 4092 was passed [RC 162: 35 yes, 2 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 4093**(Bettie Scott)**

Hire Michigan First: Plant Rehabilitation Development Act.

- Committee substitute S-1 adopted
- HB 4093 advanced to 3rd Reading
- Gleason substitute S-2 not adopted [RC 153: 16 yes, 21 no]
- HB 4093 was passed [RC 154: 37 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 4094**(Roberts)**

Hire MI First: Transportation Economic Development Fund.

- Committee substitute S-1 adopted
- HB 4094 advanced to 3rd Reading
- Clarke substitute S-2 not adopted [RC 163: 17 yes, 20 no]
- HB 4094 was passed [RC 164: 34 yes, 3 no]
- IE was ordered

SB 296**(Clarke)**

Hire MI First: Historic Preservation Tax Credit

- Committee substitute S-2 adopted
- SB 296 advanced to 3rd Reading
- Clarke substitute S-3 not adopted
- Clarke-2 withdrawn
- Clarke-3 adopted
- SB 296 was passed [RC 150: 37 yes, 0 no]

HB 4715**(Johnson)**

House Bill 4715 would amend the McCauley-Traxler-Law-Bowman-McNeely Lottery Act to allow the State Treasurer to invest State Lottery Prize Fund revenue in Michigan State government general obligation (G.O.) bonds. Expanding the investment options to include State G.O. bonds would help maximize the rate of return earned by the Lottery Prize Fund and ensure that Lottery Prize Fund revenue continues to be invested in very safe financial assets. Given current prices and interest rates on U.S. Treasury bonds and State G.O. bonds, this proposed change would allow the State to sell some U.S. Treasury notes and bonds that the lottery fund is currently invested in and replace them with State G.O. bonds in order to realize a capital gain while still fully funding the Lottery Prize Fund.

- HB 4715 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 4715 was passed [RC 166: 36 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]
- IE was ordered

HB 4309

(Cushingberry)

Negative supplemental appropriations for Judiciary & Legislature.

- Committee substitute S-1 adopted
- HB 4309 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 4309 was passed [RC 167: 36 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]
- IE was ordered

GENERAL ORDERS

SB 349

(Barcia)

Senate Bill 349 (S-1) would amend Part 435 (Hunting and Fishing Licensing) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to revise provisions concerning discounts on hunting and fishing license fees. Under Part 435, the DNR may discount the price of a license up to 15% for marketing purposes to increase participation in hunting and fishing activities. Additionally, the price of the antlerless deer license may be reduced or eliminated in specific areas to help achieve the harvest of antlerless deer. If a person purchases four or more licenses for the same person at the same time, a sportsperson discount of 15% must be provided. Waterfowl hunting licenses and limited fishing licenses are not eligible for the sportsperson discount. The bill would delete the provisions regarding the antlerless deer license and sportsperson discount, as well as the 15% limit on a discount offered for marketing purposes. Under the bill, the price of any license or application fee could be discounted or eliminated to achieve a harvest or management objective for that species.

- Committee substitute S-1 not adopted
- Allen substitute S-3 adopted
- SB 349 advanced to 3rd Reading

SB 419

(Kuipers)

The bill would amend Public Act 22 of 1971 to allow a person who was 16 years old to donate blood in a voluntary and noncompensatory blood program with his or her parent's or legal guardian's permission or authorization.

- SB 419 advanced to 3rd Reading

SB 25

(Stamas)

The bill would amend the Youth Employment Standards Act to provide that a 16- or 17-year-old student could not work more than 20 hours in one week when school was in session. Currently, when school is in session, a student who is 16 or 17 may not work a combined school and work week of more than 48 hours. The Act also provides that a minor who is 16 or older may not

work more than six days in one week; 10 hours in one day; or "a period longer than a weekly average of 8 hours per day or 48 hours in 1 week". Under the bill, the last provision would be changed to "an average of 8 hours per day in 1 week".

- **SB 25 advanced to 3rd Reading**

SB 216

(Allen)

The bill would amend the Michigan Liquor Control Code to do all of the following:

- Include a "nonpublic continuing care retirement center" in the classes of vendors that may sell alcoholic liquor at retail, and allow a licensed center to sell and serve beer, wine, and spirits to residents and their guests for on-premises consumption.
- Establish a \$600 license fee for a nonpublic continuing care retirement center license.
- Require the Liquor Control Commission (LCC) to grant a nonpublic continuing care retirement center license to an applicant that complied with the bill's requirements.
- Limit to 20 the number of retirement center licenses that could be issued, and allow the LCC to transfer the license of a retirement center that went out of business. -- Require the LCC to publish a notice if an applicant had not existed for at least 10 years before the bill's effective date.

Under the bill, "nonpublic continuing care retirement center" would mean a residential community that, as determined by the LCC, meets both of the following:

- Provides full-time residential housing predominantly for individuals over 62 years of age.
- Is registered as a "facility" under the Living Care Disclosure Act (i.e., an adult foster care facility, nursing home, retirement home, home for the aged, or a place that undertakes to provide care to an individual for more than one year).

- **Committee substitute S-1 adopted**
- **SB 216 advanced to 3rd Reading**