

# Senate Watch

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## THIRD READING

### [SB 215](#)

(Garcia)

The bill would amend Public Act 164 of 1975, which provides for the Commission on Spanish-Speaking Affairs, the Office of Spanish-Speaking Affairs, and the Interagency Council on Spanish-Speaking Affairs, to do the following:

- Change the names of the Commission, the Office, and the Interagency Council to the Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan, the Office of Hispanic/Latino Affairs, and the Hispanic/Latino Interagency Council, respectively.
- Replace the term "Spanish-speaking" with "Hispanic/Latino" throughout the Act.
- Reduce the number of times the Commission must meet annually.
- Revise the criteria for eligibility to serve on the Commission.
- Expand the Commission's duties to include assisting with the planning and implementation of specific events.
- Specify that the Commission's duties are listed in order of priority.

- **SB 215 was passed [RC 395: 36 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]**

### [SB 484](#)

(Jansen)

The bill would amend the Deaf Persons' Interpreters Act to create the "Interpreters' Standards Fund" under the administration of the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth (DELEG). The Fund would be used to support the Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing, which administers the interpreters certification program. The Fund would be the depository for the interpreter certification and examination fees paid by interpreters for the deaf or hard of hearing pursuant to the Act. It would be eligible to receive revenue or assets from any source, and investment of the Fund would be the responsibility of the State Treasurer.

- **SB 484 was passed [RC 396: 36 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]**

**SB 698****(Kuipers)**

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to permit a pupil to meet the algebra II requirement of the Michigan Merit Standard by completing an approved CTE program that had embedded math content.

- Whitmer-1 adopted
- SB 698 was passed [RC 397: 36 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]

**GENERAL ORDERS – (TO PASSAGE)****SB 266****(Hunter)**

The bill (S-2) would amend the Highway Advertising Act, beginning January 1, 2011, to require a billboard within the State that advertised a sexually oriented business to display only words, and require the words to be limited to identifying the name, location, and hours of operation of the business.

- Committee substitute S-2 not adopted
- Hunter substitute S-3 adopted
- SB 266 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- SB 266 was passed [RC 404: 36 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]

**SB 674****(Barcia)**

The bills (SB 674-679) would amend Public Act 233 of 1955 to do all of the following:

- Allow an Indian tribe to enter into a contract under the Act, by resolution of the tribe's governing body.
- Allow charges or rates specified in a contract to be higher for Indian tribes than for an authority's constituent municipalities.
- Provide that rules and regulations promulgated under the Act could be enforced by an Indian tribe in territory under its jurisdiction.
- Require an Indian tribe to discontinue service to a user who violated a rule or regulation if the authority determined discontinuance was necessary, and to restore service when the authority determined a threat to the system no longer existed.

The Act allows an authority created under it, and any of the authority's constituent municipalities, to enter into a contract or contracts to acquire, construct, improve, enlarge, extend, operate, and finance a sewage disposal system, a water supply system, a solid waste management system, or a combination of those systems. Under the bill, an Indian tribe also could enter into a contract for those purposes. A contract entered into under the Act must provide for the allocation and payment of the share of the total cost to be borne by each contracting municipality in annual installments for a period of up to 40 years. The bill would refer to each contracting municipality or Indian tribe.

- SB 674 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- SB 674 was passed [RC 398: 36 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]

**SB 675****(Barcia)**

The bill would define "Indian tribe" as an Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community of Indians that is recognized as eligible for services by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior because of their status as Indians. Unless the context clearly implies a different meaning, "authority" would mean an authority incorporated under the Act.

- SB 675 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- SB 675 was passed [RC 399: 36 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]

**SB 676****(Barcia)**

The Act allows an authority and any constituent or nonconstituent municipality of the authority to contract for the furnishing of water, sewage disposal, or waste management services, or a combination of those services, by the authority to the municipality. Under the bill, the authority and any municipality or Indian tribe could contract for those services. The charges or rates to a nonconstituent municipality may be greater than those to constituent municipalities. Under the bill, the charges or rates to an Indian tribe also could be greater than those to constituent municipalities.

- SB 676 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- SB 676 was passed [RC 400: 36 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]

**SB 677****(Cropsey)**

The Act requires a municipality desiring to enter into a contract with an authority to authorize the execution of the contract by resolution of its governing body. The bill would extend that requirement to an Indian tribe wishing to enter into a contract with an authority.

- SB 677 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- SB 677 was passed [RC 401: 36 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]

**SB 678****(Cropsey)**

Rules and regulations promulgated under the Act are enforceable by an authority, its constituent municipalities, and municipalities that have contracted with the authority for the furnishing of services. Under the bill, those rules and regulations also would be enforceable by Indian tribes that contracted with the authority. A municipality may exercise its enforcement powers against a violator in territory under its jurisdiction. The bill would refer to a municipality or Indian tribe.

- SB 678 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- SB 678 was passed [RC 402: 36 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]

## **SB 679**

**(Cropsey)**

The Act allows an authority to authorize the discontinuance of service to a user who violates a rule or regulation promulgated under the Act if it determines that discontinuance of service to that user is necessary to protect the integrity of the affected system. The authority must authorize restoration of service when it determines that the threat to the system no longer exists and that the cause of or events resulting in the violation will not recur. The municipality that maintains and operates the affected system or part of it, or the authority, pursuant to that municipality's authorization, must discontinue and restore service as authorized by the authority. Under the bill, the municipality or Indian tribe, or the authority, pursuant to the municipality's or Indian tribe's authorization, would have to discontinue and restore service.

- SB 679 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- SB 679 was passed [RC 403: 36 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

### **HB 5122**

**(Kandrevas)**

The bill (S-1) would amend the Highway Advertising Act to do the following:

- Allow the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to issue a permit for a new sign structure for a religious organization sign or a service club sign measuring less than eight square feet.
- Delete the current \$100 penalty for delinquent payment of an annual permit renewal fee, and provide for a \$20 penalty if the renewal fee were not paid at least 30 days before the permit's expiration date.
- Provide that, for permits having the same expiration date, the maximum amount of increased renewal fees for late payments that could be assessed against one permit holder would be \$10,000.
- Require MDOT to notify a permit holder by certified mail, within 30 days after the permit's expiration date, if the annual renewal fee were not paid.
- Allow MDOT to cancel a permit if the fee were not paid within 60 days after the permit expired.
- Revise the luminescence restrictions for signs that change between two or more static images.

- Committee substitute S-1 adopted
- HB 5122 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

# RESOLUTIONS

## HCR 6

(Opsommer)

A concurrent resolution to memorialize the President, the Congress, and the Department of Homeland Security of the United States to change requirements, agreements, and memorandums of understanding relating to the creation of Enhanced Drivers Licenses.

- HCR 6 was adopted

## SR 73

(Kuipers)

A resolution to memorialize the United States Congress to make certain intelligence information regarding Guantanamo Bay detention camp detainees available to the Governor and Michigan State Legislature.

- Committee substitute S-1 adopted
- SR 73 was adopted [RC 405: 36 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]

## SCR 17

(Kuipers)

A concurrent resolution to memorialize the United States Congress to make certain intelligence information regarding Guantanamo Bay detention camp detainees available to the Governor and Michigan State Legislature.

- Committee substitute S-1 adopted
- SCR 17 was passed [RC 406: 36 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]