

# Senate Watch

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10/13/09

## GENERAL ORDERS – (TO PASSAGE)

### [SB 884](#)

(Cassis)

The bill (as discharged) would amend the revenue Act to create a 30- to 60-day amnesty period during which the State Treasurer would have to waive all criminal and civil penalties for failing or refusing to file a return, failing to pay a tax, or making an excessive claim for a refund of a tax under the Act. The amnesty period would be designated by the State Treasurer and would have to end before September 30, 2009. A taxpayer would have to make a written request for a waiver, file a return or an amended return, and make full payment in a lump sum or installments of the tax and interest due for any prior tax year. The amnesty program would not apply to taxes due after June 1, 2008. From the taxes paid under the amnesty program, the bill would appropriate to the Department of Treasury \$1.0 million for the 2008-09 fiscal year, for administration of the program. If a taxpayer failed to file a return or pay a tax that was due before July 1, 2008, during the amnesty period, the taxpayer would be liable for a penalty equal to 25% of the amount of tax due, in addition to any other interest or penalty prescribed for failing or refusing to file a return or pay a tax administered under the Act within the time specified.

- Cassis substitute S-1 adopted
- SB 884 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- Jacobs-1 not adopted [RC 527: 15 yes, 21 no, 1 excused]
- SB 884 was passed [RC 528: 24 yes, 12 no, 1 excused]

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### [SB 852](#)

(Birkholz)

The bill would create a new act to establish the "Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Revolving Loan Fund" to provide assistance for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

- SB 852 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

**SB 776****(Cropsey)**

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to require that for fiscal year 2009-10 only, \$1,352,100 of the unencumbered balance remaining in the Juror Compensation Reimbursement Fund be transferred to the State General Fund.

- SB 776 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

**SB 276****(Jelinek)**

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to revise a provision that prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle with a dangling ornament or other suspended object that obstructs the operator's vision, except as authorized by law. The bill would delete reference to a "dangling ornament or other suspended" object. Under the bill, a person would be prohibited from operating a motor vehicle with an object that obstructed the operator's vision, except as authorized by law.

- Committee substitute S-1 adopted
- SB 276 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading