

2015-16 Senate Votes

Taxation

HB 5525 RC #203	Limits Tax Liability for ESA for "Construction in Progress"	Clarifies that property not yet placed in service is subject to just 50% of liability for the ESA. A "Yes" vote supports the Pro-manufacturing position. Passed the Senate 36-0.
HB 5526 RC #204	Extended Filing Deadline for PPT Exemption	Extended the filing deadline to claim the exemption from the PPT for 2016 only from Feb. 20 to May 31. A "Yes" vote supports the Pro-manufacturing position. Passed the Senate 36-0.

Employment and Workforce Reform

SB 69 RC #24	Michigan New Jobs Training Program Extension	Extends the sunset for the Michigan New Jobs Training Program, which helps manufacturers and other businesses leverage income tax withholding to train new employees at Michigan community colleges. A "YES" vote supports the pro-manufacturing position. Passed the Senate 35-1.
HB 4119 RC #72	Wage Garnishment Reform	Establishes clear procedures and protections for employers in processing court mandated wage garnishments for their workers. A "YES" vote supports the pro-manufacturing position. Passed the Senate 37-0.
HB 4052 RC #293	Local Government Wage and Benefit Mandate Preemption	Establishes clear procedures and protections for employers in processing court mandated wage garnishments for their workers. A "YES" vote supports the pro-manufacturing position. Passed the Senate 37-0.
SB 500 RC #393	Unemployment Taxable Wage Base Reduction	Requires an annual, rather than quarterly, determination of the unemployment taxable wage base, improving predictability for employers and easing administrative burden. A "YES" vote supports the pro-manufacturing position. Passed the Senate 26-9.
SB 987 RC #411	HICA Tax Repeal	Sets the rate of the Health Insurance Claims Act (HICA) tax at 0.0% on January 1, 2017 and repeals the tax on January 1, 2019 as part of a larger package to achieve compliance with federal Medicaid funding regulations and eliminate the anti-competitive HICA tax. A "YES" vote supports the pro-manufacturing position. Passed the Senate 37-0.
SB 625 RC #259	Oral Chemotherapy Parity Mandate	Increases the cost of health care by mandating cost parity for chemotherapy treatments and arbitrarily limiting cost-sharing arrangements in private contracts. A "NO" vote supports the pro-manufacturing position. Passed the Senate 36-1.

Environmental & Regulatory Reform

HB 4449 RC #254	Title V Air Fees	Assures permit fees remain the same through 2019. Assures fees are based on the cost of the program. A “YES” vote supports MMA position to make Michigan manufacturers more competitive. Passed the Senate 20 – 18. Signed by the Governor as P.A. 60 of 2015.
SB 400-402 RC #445-447	Elimination of Liquid Industrial Waste Manifest	Eliminates the need to complete a duplicative liquid waste manifest for shipments. Information already supplied by bill of lading and other shipping documents. “YES” votes support MMA position to make Michigan manufacturers more competitive. Passed the Senate 37-0. Signed by the Governor as P.A. 224, 225, 226 of 2016.
SB 507 RC #583	Recycling Materials Registration	Exempts manufacturers from the requirement to report to the state their shipments of recycled materials. A “YES” vote supports MMA position to make Michigan manufacturers more competitive. Passed the Senate 37 – 1. Signed by the Governor as P.A. 55 of 2016.
SB 552 RC #509	Category 2 Groundwater Discharge Permits	Reduces the fees for small company discharge permits without increasing the fees for larger companies such as manufacturers. A “YES” vote supports MMA position to make Michigan manufacturers more competitive. Passed the Senate 25 – 12. Signed by the Governor as P.A. 247 of 2015.