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Michigan Fire Services Coalition Update

Legislative Update for May 21st – June 8th

It has been a busy week for the Michigan Legislature, passing a number of historic pieces of legislation. The began by passing the Citizens Intitiated petition IL-2 which repealed the states' 53 -year old prevailing wage law. This was the finale for the GOP led legislature in its overhaul of union laws in this state. This action by the legislature on the petition which eliminated the ability for the voters to decide its fate in November.

The legislature also acted on SB 897 which requires that Medicaid recipients find work or lose their Medicaid benefits. Proponents of the legislation said that this legislation will ensure that Medicaid is a hand up not a hand out. However, opponents were concerned that this legislation would force more individuals to use more costly methods of health care such as the emergency room.

In addition to legislative issues addressed, the work to finalize the FY 18-19 budget continued. By 4 pm on Thursday, all of conference committees had met clearing the path for the final budget document to be voted on next Tuesday. See below for budget specifics.

The Governor made the appointments to the Fire Fighter Training Council this week.

Jacob Steichen – nominated by State Fire Marshal

Alan Styles – nominated by MAFC

Chad Tackett – nominated by MAFC

Aileen Pettinger – nominated by MPFFU

Terrence Blackmer – nominated by MSFA

Brian Blomstrom - nominated by MFSIA

Lynnae White – nominated by MFIS

Miscellaneous:

LARA Budget:

- First Responders Presumed Coverage Fund \$3.465M added for a total of \$5.2M in FY 18-19
- Fire Protection Grants – Conference report eliminates all of the funding but the proposal to replace would include taking funds from the Local Community Stabilization Authority Tier 3 payments for nonessential services.

Treasury Budget:

- Local Pension and Health Benefit Oversight \$465K to support the administration of the review the status, reports and CAPs
- Emergency 911 Payments \$21.8M increase in restricted Emergency 911 Fund

General Government:

- Breakdown of the revenue sharing payments



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A meeting with the Fireworks industry, Fire services, MML & MTA took place this week to see if a compromise could be worked out on HB 5939. The proposal would eliminate Sky Lanterns from the legislation, place parameters on when communities can issue bans on fireworks due to environmental concerns and create allowable days for usage. We hope to have a bill that all interested parties can support.

SB 279 passed out of the Senate unanimously and was referred to the House Regulatory Reform committee.

Governor Snyder also issued Executive Order 2018-6 which rescinds a previous EO directing the EMSCC to add additional members to the committee. However, through advocacy we were able to ensure that these new voting members DO NOT have a vote on the EMSCC.

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/snyder/EO_2018-6_624680_7.pdf

Committee Activity:

Senate Health Policy Committee voted out Senator Caspersons' legislation SB 929 which would allow for counties of 10,000 or less to have an ambulance available at less than the limited level of licensure. This legislation will only impact Ontonogan County in the UP. We were able to get a substitute to remove the language regarding "Micropolitan" which would have included additional regions in the state. Please review [https://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(bgrwbr3qr2i5jrk4qsnovt4i\)\)/documents/2017-2018/billcurrentversion/Senate/PDF/2018-SCVBS-0929-13742.PDF](https://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(bgrwbr3qr2i5jrk4qsnovt4i))/documents/2017-2018/billcurrentversion/Senate/PDF/2018-SCVBS-0929-13742.PDF)

House Regulatory Reform passed Rep. Idens' HB 5376 this week out of committee with a H-2 substitute. [https://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(bgrwbr3qr2i5jrk4qsnovt4i\)\)/documents/2017-2018/billcurrentversion/House/PDF/2018-HCVBH-5376-13898.PDF](https://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(bgrwbr3qr2i5jrk4qsnovt4i))/documents/2017-2018/billcurrentversion/House/PDF/2018-HCVBH-5376-13898.PDF). The legislation changed to include the language "Members of the advisory committees may participate in meetings of the advisory committee in person or through use of electronic or telephonic means as determined by the Director."

Senate Insurance passed HB 5217 which requires the use of ground ambulance unless medically necessary to air transport. We did amend this legislation in the house to ensure that EMS providers have the ability to make determinations in the field. We worked directly with the bill sponsors and BCBS to make this change.

Bill Introductions:

[HB 6053 of 2018](#) Property tax; state essential services assessment; penalty for filing essential services assessment late; modify. Amends sec. 7 of 2014 PA 92 (MCL 211.1057). TIE BAR WITH: HB



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[HB 6054 of 2018](#)

Property tax; state essential services assessment; penalty for filing alternative essential services assessment late; modify. Amends sec. 7 of 2014 PA 93 (MCL 211.1077). TIE BAR WITH: HB 6053'18

[HB 6058 of 2018](#)

Health occupations; health professionals; preliminary determination of eligibility of individuals who may apply for a license or registration; provide for in public health code. Amends 1978 PA 368 (MCL 333.1101 - 333.25211) by adding sec. 16174a.

[HB 6110 of 2018](#)

Occupations; individual licensing and regulation; use of criminal record to determine eligibility for occupational licensing; restrict. Amends title & secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 of 1974 PA 381 (MCL 338.41 et seq.).

[HB 6111 of 2018](#)

Health occupations; other; eligibility requirements for certain licenses and registrations under the public health code; revise. Amends secs. 16104 & 21755 of 1978 PA 368 (MCL 333.16104 & 333.21755). TIE BAR WITH: HB 6110'18

Bill Activity:

PASSED, ENROLLED or ADOPTED By the CHAMBER

[HB 5086 of 2017](#)

Property tax; personal property; distribution of local community stabilization act share revenues; modify. Amends secs. 5, 13, 14, 15, 16, 16a, 17 & 21 of 2014 PA 86 (MCL 123.1345 et seq.).

[SB 0279 of 2017](#)

Construction; code; construction code commission and certain advisory committees; increase fire service representation on. Amends sec. 3a of 1972 PA 230 (MCL 125.1503a).

[HB 5990 of 2018](#)

Law enforcement; fire personnel; certain reporting requirements under the firefighters training council act; repeal. Repeals sec. 7 of 1966 PA 291 (MCL 29.367).

[HB 6000 of 2018](#)

Explosives; fireworks; certain reporting requirements under the Michigan fireworks safety act; repeal. Repeals sec. 21 of 2011 PA 256 (MCL 28.471).