

HOUSE BILL No. 5417

November 7, 2007, Introduced by Reps. Lahti, Sheltroun, McDowell, Lindberg and Casperson and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

A bill to amend 2007 PA 36, entitled
"Michigan business tax act,"
by amending section 111 (MCL 208.1111).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 111. (1) "Gross receipts" means the entire amount
2 received by the taxpayer from any activity whether in intrastate,
3 interstate, or foreign commerce carried on for direct or indirect
4 gain, benefit, or advantage to the taxpayer or to others except for
5 the following:

6 (a) Proceeds from sales by a principal that the taxpayer
7 collects in an agency capacity solely on behalf of the principal
8 and delivers to the principal.

1 (b) Amounts received by the taxpayer as an agent solely on
2 behalf of the principal that are expended by the taxpayer for any
3 of the following:

4 (i) The performance of a service by a third party for the
5 benefit of the principal that is required by law to be performed by
6 a licensed person.

7 (ii) The performance of a service by a third party for the
8 benefit of the principal that the taxpayer has not undertaken a
9 contractual duty to perform.

10 (iii) Principal and interest under a mortgage loan or land
11 contract, lease or rental payments, or taxes, utilities, or
12 insurance premiums relating to real or personal property owned or
13 leased by the principal.

14 (iv) A capital asset of a type that is, or under the internal
15 revenue code will become, eligible for depreciation, amortization,
16 or accelerated cost recovery by the principal for federal income
17 tax purposes, or for real property owned or leased by the
18 principal.

19 (v) Property not described under subparagraph (iv) that is
20 purchased by the taxpayer on behalf of the principal and that the
21 taxpayer does not take title to or use in the course of performing
22 its contractual business activities.

23 (vi) Fees, taxes, assessments, levies, fines, penalties, or
24 other payments established by law that are paid to a governmental
25 entity and that are the legal obligation of the principal.

26 (c) Amounts that are excluded from gross income of a foreign
27 corporation engaged in the international operation of aircraft

1 under section 883(a) of the internal revenue code.

2 (d) Amounts received by an advertising agency used to acquire
3 advertising media time, space, production, or talent on behalf of
4 another person.

5 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,
6 amounts received by a taxpayer that manages real property owned by
7 a third party that are deposited into a separate account kept in
8 the name of that third party and that are not reimbursements to the
9 taxpayer and are not indirect payments for management services that
10 the taxpayer provides to that third party.

11 (f) Proceeds from the taxpayer's transfer of an account
12 receivable if the sale that generated the account receivable was
13 included in gross receipts for federal income tax purposes. This
14 subdivision does not apply to a taxpayer that during the tax year
15 both buys and sells any receivables.

16 (g) Proceeds from any of the following:

17 (i) The original issue of stock or equity instruments.

18 (ii) The original issue of debt instruments.

19 (h) Refunds from returned merchandise.

20 (i) Cash and in-kind discounts.

21 (j) Trade discounts.

22 (k) Federal, state, or local tax refunds.

23 (l) Security deposits.

24 (m) Payment of the principal portion of loans.

25 (n) Value of property received in a like-kind exchange.

26 (o) Proceeds from a sale, transaction, exchange, involuntary
27 conversion, or other disposition of tangible, intangible, or real

1 property that is a capital asset as defined in section 1221(a) of
2 the internal revenue code or land that qualifies as property used
3 in the trade or business as defined in section 1231(b) of the
4 internal revenue code, less any gain from the disposition to the
5 extent that gain is included in federal taxable income.

6 (p) The proceeds from a policy of insurance, a settlement of a
7 claim, or a judgment in a civil action less any proceeds under this
8 subdivision that are included in federal taxable income.

9 (q) For a sales finance company, as defined in section 2 of
10 the motor vehicles sales finance act, 1950 (Ex Sess) PA 27, MCL
11 492.102, and directly or indirectly owned in whole or in part by a
12 motor vehicle manufacturer as of January 1, 2008, amounts realized
13 from the repayment, maturity, sale, or redemption of the principal
14 of a loan, bond, or mutual fund, certificate of deposit, or similar
15 marketable instrument.

16 (r) For a sales finance company, as defined in section 2 of
17 the motor vehicles sales finance act, 1950 (Ex Sess) PA 27, MCL
18 492.102, and directly or indirectly owned in whole or in part by a
19 motor vehicle manufacturer as of January 1, 2008, the principal
20 amount received under a repurchase agreement or other transaction
21 properly characterized as a loan.

22 (s) For a mortgage company, proceeds representing the
23 principal balance of loans transferred or sold in the tax year. For
24 purposes of this subdivision, "mortgage company" means a person
25 that is licensed under the mortgage brokers, lenders, and servicers
26 licensing act, 1987 PA 173, MCL 445.1651 to 445.1684, or the
27 secondary mortgage loan act, 1981 PA 125, MCL 493.51 to 493.81, and

1 has greater than 90% of its revenues, in the ordinary course of
2 business, from the origination, sale, or servicing of residential
3 mortgage loans.

4 (t) For a professional employer organization, any amount
5 charged by a professional employer organization that represents the
6 actual cost of wages and salaries, benefits, worker's compensation,
7 payroll taxes, withholding, or other assessments paid to or on
8 behalf of a covered employee by the professional employer
9 organization under a professional employer arrangement.

10 (u) Any invoiced items used to provide more favorable floor
11 plan assistance to a person subject to the tax imposed under this
12 act than to a person not subject to this tax and paid by a
13 manufacturer, distributor, or supplier.

14 **(V) FOR AN OWNER OF FORESTLAND THAT IS DETERMINED TO BE A**
15 **COMMERCIAL FOREST UNDER PART 511 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND**
16 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.51101 TO**
17 **324.51120, PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF TIMBER INCLUDING, BUT NOT**
18 **LIMITED TO, LOGS, PULPWOOD, AND STUMPAGE FROM THE COMMERCIAL**
19 **FOREST.**

20 (2) "Insurance company" means an authorized insurer as defined
21 in section 106 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL
22 500.106.

23 (3) "Internal revenue code" means the United States internal
24 revenue code of 1986 in effect on January 1, 2008 or, at the option
25 of the taxpayer, in effect for the tax year.

26 (4) "Inventory" means, except as provided in subdivision (d),
27 all of the following:

1 (a) The stock of goods held for resale in the regular course
2 of trade of a retail or wholesale business, including electricity
3 or natural gas purchased for resale.

4 (b) Finished goods, goods in process, and raw materials of a
5 manufacturing business purchased from another person.

6 (c) For a person that is a new motor vehicle dealer licensed
7 under the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923,
8 floor plan interest expenses for new motor vehicles. For purposes
9 of this subdivision, "floor plan interest" means interest paid that
10 finances any part of the person's purchase of new motor vehicle
11 inventory from a manufacturer, distributor, or supplier. However,
12 amounts attributable to any invoiced items used to provide more
13 favorable floor plan assistance to a person subject to the tax
14 imposed under this act than to a person not subject to this tax is
15 considered interest paid by a manufacturer, distributor, or
16 supplier.

17 (d) Inventory does not include either of the following:

18 (i) Personal property under lease or principally intended for
19 lease rather than sale.

20 (ii) Property allowed a deduction or allowance for depreciation
21 or depletion under the internal revenue code.

22 (5) "Officer" means an officer of a corporation other than a
23 subchapter S corporation, including all of the following:

24 (a) The chairperson of the board.

25 (b) The president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer of
26 the corporation or board.

27 (c) Persons performing similar duties to persons described in

1 subdivisions (a) and (b).

2 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect January

3 1, 2008.