

# SENATE BILL No. 755

January 18, 2018, Introduced by Senators PROOS, HANSEN, BRANDENBURG, CASPERSON, COLBECK, KOWALL, EMMONS, MACGREGOR, KNOLLENBERG, ROBERTSON, JONES and NOFS and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to amend 1941 PA 122, entitled

"An act to establish the revenue collection duties of the department of treasury; to prescribe its powers and duties as the revenue collection agency of this state; to prescribe certain powers and duties of the state treasurer; to establish the collection duties of certain other state departments for money or accounts owed to this state; to regulate the importation, stamping, and disposition of certain tobacco products; to provide for the transfer of powers and duties now vested in certain other state boards, commissions, departments, and offices; to prescribe certain duties of and require certain reports from the department of treasury; to provide procedures for the payment, administration, audit, assessment, levy of interests or penalties on, and appeals of taxes and tax liability; to prescribe its powers and duties if an agreement to act as agent for a city to administer, collect, and enforce the city income tax act on behalf of a city is entered into with any city; to provide an appropriation; to abolish the state board of tax administration; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to declare the effect of this act,"

by amending section 22 (MCL 205.22), as amended by 2015 PA 79.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1           Sec. 22. (1) A taxpayer aggrieved by an assessment, decision,  
2           or order of the department may appeal the contested portion of the

1 assessment, decision, or order to the tax tribunal within 60 days,  
2 or to the court of claims within 90 days after the assessment,  
3 decision, or order. The uncontested portion of an assessment,  
4 order, or decision shall be paid as a prerequisite to appeal.  
5 However, an action shall be commenced in the court of claims within  
6 6 months after payment of the tax or an adverse determination of  
7 the taxpayer's claim for refund, whichever is later, if the payment  
8 of the tax or adverse determination of the claim for refund  
9 occurred under the former single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, and  
10 before May 1, 1986.

11 (2) An appeal under this section shall be perfected as  
12 provided under the tax tribunal act, 1973 PA 186, MCL 205.701 to  
13 205.779, and rules promulgated under that act for the tax tribunal,  
14 or chapter 64 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236,  
15 MCL 600.6401 to 600.6475, and rules adopted under that chapter for  
16 the court of claims.

17 (3) A taxpayer or the department may take an appeal by right  
18 from a decision of the tax tribunal or the court of claims to the  
19 court of appeals. The appeal shall be taken on the record made  
20 before the tax tribunal or the court of claims. The taxpayer or  
21 department may take further appeal to the supreme court in  
22 accordance with the court rules provided for appeals to the supreme  
23 court.

24 (4) The assessment, decision, or order of the department, if  
25 not appealed in accordance with this section, is final and is not  
26 reviewable in any court by mandamus, appeal, or other method of  
27 direct or collateral attack.

1           (5) An assessment is final, conclusive, and not subject to  
2 further challenge after 90 days after the issuance of the  
3 assessment, decision, or order of the department, and a person is  
4 not entitled to a refund of any tax, interest, or penalty paid  
5 pursuant to an assessment unless the aggrieved person has appealed  
6 the assessment in the manner provided by this section.

7           (6) For the 2015-2016 fiscal year, \$200,000.00 is appropriated  
8 from the general fund to the court of claims for operations due to  
9 the anticipated increased caseload from the changes in the  
10 amendatory act that added this subsection.

11           (7) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTIONS (4) AND (5), REGARDLESS OF  
12 WHETHER THE TAXPAYER HAS APPEALED THE ASSESSMENT UNDER THIS SECTION  
13 OR NOT, IF THE DEPARTMENT ISSUES A NOTICE, LETTER RULING, OR  
14 REVENUE ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN THAT EXPRESSES A CHANGE IN THE  
15 POSITION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON 1 OR MORE SPECIFIC TAX MATTERS THAT  
16 AFFECTS THE TAXPAYER AND IT IS WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SPECIFIED AS  
17 THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS IN SECTION 27A, THE TAXPAYER MAY  
18 PETITION THE DEPARTMENT FOR A REFUND OF THE AMOUNT PAID BASED ON  
19 THE DEPARTMENT'S CHANGE IN INTERPRETATION.