HOUSE BILL No. 4938

September 13, 2011, Introduced by Rep. Gilbert and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled

"Income tax act of 1967,"

by amending section 607 (MCL 206.607), as added by 2011 PA 38.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 607. (1) "Federal taxable income" means taxable income as
 defined in section 63 of the internal revenue code, except that
 federal taxable income shall be calculated as if section 168(k) and
 section 199 of the internal revenue code were not in effect.

5 (2) "Flow-through entity" means an entity that for the
6 applicable tax year is treated as a subchapter S corporation under
7 section 1362(a) of the internal revenue code, a general
8 partnership, a trust, a limited partnership, a limited liability
9 partnership, or a limited liability company, that for the tax year
10 is not taxed as a corporation for federal income tax purposes.

(3) "Foreign operating entity" means a United States person
 that satisfies each of the following:

3 (a) Would otherwise be a part of a unitary business group that
4 has at least 1 person included in the unitary business group that
5 is taxable in this state.

6 (b) Has substantial operations outside the United States, the
7 District of Columbia, any territory or possession of the United
8 States except for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a political
9 subdivision of any of the foregoing.

10 (c) At least 80% of its income is active foreign business
11 income as defined in section 861(c)(1)(B) of the internal revenue
12 code.

(4) "Gross receipts" means the entire amount received by the 13 taxpayer as determined by using the taxpayer's method of accounting 14 used for federal income tax purposes, less any amount deducted as 15 bad debt for federal income tax purposes from any activity whether 16 17 in intrastate, interstate, or foreign commerce carried on for direct or indirect gain, benefit, or advantage to the taxpayer or 18 19 to others except for the following: (a) Proceeds from sales by a principal that the taxpayer 20 collects in an agency capacity solely on behalf of the principal 21 and delivers to the principal. 22

- 23 (b) Amounts received by the taxpayer as an agent solely on
- 24 behalf of the principal that are expended by the taxpayer for any
- 25 of the following:
- 26 (i) The performance of a service by a third party for the
- 27 benefit of the principal that is required by law to be performed by

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1 a licensed person.

(*ii*) The performance of a service by a third party for the 2 3 benefit of the principal that the taxpayer has not undertaken a contractual duty to perform. 4 5 - (iii) Principal and interest under a mortgage loan or land contract, lease or rental payments, or taxes, utilities, or 6 insurance premiums relating to real or personal property owned or 7 leased by the principal. 8 (*iv*) A capital asset of a type that is, or under the internal 9 revenue code will become, eligible for depreciation, amortization, 10 or accelerated cost recovery by the principal for federal income 11 12 tax purposes, or for real property owned or leased by the 13 principal. (v) Property not described under subparagraph (iv) that is 14 purchased by the taxpayer on behalf of the principal and that the 15 taxpayer does not take title to or use in the course of performing 16 its contractual business activities. 17 18 (vi) Fees, taxes, assessments, levies, fines, penalties, or other payments established by law that are paid to a governmental 19 entity and that are the legal obligation of the principal. 20 21 (c) Amounts that are excluded from gross income of a foreign corporation engaged in the international operation of aircraft 22 under section 883(a) of the internal revenue code. 23 24 (d) Amounts received by an advertising agency used to acquire 25 advertising media time, space, production, or talent on behalf of 26 another person. 27 (c) Amounts received by a newspaper to acquire advertising

space not owned by that newspaper in another newspaper on behalf of 1 another person. This subdivision does not apply to any 2 3 consideration received by the taxpayer for acquiring that advertising space. 4 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, 5 amounts received by a taxpayer that manages real property owned by 6 a third party that are deposited into a separate account kept in 7 the name of that third party and that are not reimbursements to the 8 taxpayer and are not indirect payments for management services that 9 10 the taxpayer provides to that third party. 11 (g) 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 subdivision does not apply to a taxpayer that during the tax year 14 both buys and sells any receivables. 15 (h) Proceeds from any of the following: 16 17 -(i) The original issue of stock or equity instruments or equity issued by a regulated investment company as that term is defined 18 19 under section 851 of the internal revenue code. (*ii*) The original issue of debt instruments. 20 21 (i) Refunds from returned merchandise. (i) Cash and in-kind discounts. 22 (k) Trade discounts. 23 (*l*) Federal, state, or local tax refunds. 24

- 25 (m) Security deposits.
- 26 (n) Payment of the principal portion of loans.
- 27 (o) Value of property received in a like-kind exchange.

(p) Proceeds from a sale, transaction, exchange, involuntary 1 2 conversion, maturity, redemption, repurchase, recapitalization, or other disposition or reorganization of tangible, intangible, or 3 4 real property, less any gain from the disposition or reorganization to the extent that the gain is included in the taxpayer's federal 5 taxable income, if the property satisfies 1 or more of the 6 following: 7 (*i*) The property is a capital asset as defined in section 8 1221(a) of the internal revenue code. 9 (*ii*) The property is land that qualifies as property used in 10 11 the trade or business as defined in section 1231(b) of the internal 12 revenue code. 13 (iii) The property is used in a hedging transaction entered into by the taxpayer in the normal course of the taxpayer's trade or 14 business primarily to manage the risk of exposure to foreign 15 currency fluctuations that affect assets, liabilities, profits, 16 17 losses, equity, or investments in foreign operations; interest rate fluctuations; or commodity price fluctuations. For purposes of this 18 19 subparagraph, the actual transfer of title of real or tangible 20 personal property to another person is not a hedging transaction. 21 Only the overall net gain from the hedging transactions entered into during the tax year is included in gross receipts. As used in 22 23 this subparagraph, "hedging transaction" means that term as defined under section 1221 of the internal revenue code regardless of 24 whether the transaction was identified by the taxpayer as a hedge 25 26 for federal income tax purposes, provided, however, that 27 transactions excluded under this subparagraph and not identified as

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a hedge for federal income tax purposes shall be identifiable to 1 the department by the taxpayer as a hedge in its books and records. 2 (*iv*) The property is investment and trading assets managed as 3 part of the person's treasury function. For purposes of this 4 subparagraph, a person principally engaged in the trade or business 5 of purchasing and selling investment and trading assets is not 6 performing a treasury function. Only the overall net gain from the 7 treasury function incurred during the tax year is included in gross 8 receipts. As used in this subparagraph, "treasury function" means 9 the pooling and management of investment and trading assets for the 10 11 purpose of satisfying the cash flow or liquidity needs of the 12 taxpayer's trade or business. (q) The proceeds from a policy of insurance, a settlement of a 13 14 claim, or a judgment in a civil action less any proceeds under this subdivision that are included in federal taxable income. 15 (r) For a sales finance company, as defined in section 2 of 16 the motor vehicle sales finance act, 1950 (Ex Sess) PA 27, MCL 17 492.102, and directly or indirectly owned in whole or in part by a 18 19 motor vehicle manufacturer as of January 1, 2008, and for a person that is a broker or dealer as defined under section 78c(a)(4) or 20 21 (5) of the securities exchange act of 1934, 15 USC 78c, or a person 22 included in the unitary business group of that broker or dealer that buys and sells for its own account, contracts that are subject 23 to the commodity exchange act, 7 USC 1 to 27f, amounts realized 24 25 from the repayment, maturity, sale, or redemption of the principal 26 of a loan, bond, or mutual fund, certificate of deposit, or similar 27 marketable instrument provided such instruments are not held as

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1 inventory.

(s) For a sales finance company, as defined in section 2 of 2 the motor vehicle sales finance act, 1950 (Ex Sess) PA 27, MCL 3 4 492.102, and directly or indirectly owned in whole or in part by a motor vehicle manufacturer as of January 1, 2008, and for a person 5 that is a broker or dealer as defined under section 78c(a) (4) or 6 (5) of the securities exchange act of 1934, 15 USC 78c, or a person 7 included in the unitary business group of that broker or dealer 8 that buys and sells for its own account, contracts that are subject 9 to the commodity exchange act, 7 USC 1 to 27f, the principal amount 10 11 received under a repurchase agreement or other transaction properly characterized as a loan. 12 (t) For a mortgage company, proceeds representing the 13 principal balance of loans transferred or sold in the tax year. For 14 purposes of this subdivision, "mortgage company" means a person 15 that is licensed under the mortgage brokers, lenders, and servicers 16 licensing act, 1987 PA 173, MCL 445.1651 to 445.1684, or the 17 18 secondary mortgage loan act, 1981 PA 125, MCL 493.51 to 493.81, and 19 has greater than 90% of its revenues, in the ordinary course of business, from the origination, sale, or servicing of residential 20 21 mortgage loans. (u) For a professional employer organization, any amount 22 23 charged by a professional employer organization that represents the actual cost of wages and salaries, benefits, worker's compensation, 24 25 payroll taxes, withholding, or other assessments paid to or on 26 behalf of a covered employee by the professional employer 27 organization under a professional employer arrangement.

(v) Any invoiced items used to provide more favorable floor 1 2 plan assistance to a person subject to the tax imposed under this act than to a person not subject to this tax and paid by a 3 manufacturer, distributor, or supplier. 4 (w) For an individual, estate, or other person organized for 5 estate or gift planning purposes, amounts received other than those 6 from transactions, activities, and sources in the regular course of 7 the taxpayer's trade or business. For purposes of this subdivision, 8 9 all of the following apply: (i) Amounts received from transactions, activities, and sources 10 11 in the regular course of the taxpayer's business include, but are 12 not limited to, the following: 13 (A) Receipts from tangible and intangible property if the acquisition, rental, lease, management, or disposition of the 14 property constitutes integral parts of the taxpayer's regular trade 15 or business operations. 16 (B) Receipts received in the course of the taxpayer's trade or 17 18 business from stock and securities of any foreign or domestic 19 corporation and dividend and interest income. (C) Receipts derived from isolated sales, leases, assignments, 20 21 licenses, divisions, or other infrequently occurring dispositions, transfers, or transactions involving tangible, intangible, or real 22 23 property if the property is or was used in the taxpayer's trade or

- 24 business operation.
- 25 (D) Receipts derived from the sale of an interest in a
- 26 business that constitutes an integral part of the taxpayer's
- 27 regular trade or business.

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- 1 (E) Receipts derived from the lease or rental of real

2 property.

- 3 (ii) Receipts excluded from gross receipts include, but are not
 4 limited to, the following:
- 5 (A) Receipts derived from investment activity, including
- 6 interest, dividends, royalties, and gains from an investment
- 7 portfolio or retirement account, if the investment activity is not
- 8 part of the taxpayer's trade or business.
- 9 (B) Receipts derived from the disposition of tangible,
- 10 intangible, or real property held for personal use and enjoyment,
- 11 such as a personal residence or personal assets.
- 12 (x) Receipts derived from investment activity by a person that
- 13 is organized exclusively to conduct investment activity and that
- 14 does not conduct investment activity for any person other than an
- 15 individual or a person related to that individual or by a common
- 16 trust fund established under the collective investment funds act,
- 17 1941 PA 174, MCL 555.101 to 555.113. For purposes of this
- 18 subdivision, a person is related to an individual if that person is
- 19 a spouse, brother or sister, whether of the whole or half blood or
- 20 by adoption, ancestor, lineal descendent of that individual or
- 21 related person, or a trust benefiting that individual or 1 or more
- 22 persons related to that individual.
- 23 (y) Interest income and dividends derived from obligations or
- 24 securities of the United States government, this state, or any
- 25 governmental unit of this state. As used in this subdivision,
- 26 "governmental unit" means that term as defined in section 3 of the
- 27 shared credit rating act, 1985 PA 227, MCL 141.1053.

(z) Dividends and royalties received or deemed received from a 1 2 foreign operating entity or a person other than a United States person, including, but not limited to, the amounts determined under 3 4 section 78 of the internal revenue code and sections 951 to 964 of the internal revenue code. 5 (aa) Each of the following: 6 (i) Sales or use taxes collected from or reimbursed by a 7 consumer or other taxes the taxpayer collected directly from or was 8 reimbursed by a purchaser and remitted to a local, state, or 9 federal tax authority. 10 11 (ii) In the case of receipts from the sale of cigarettes or 12 tobacco products by a wholesale dealer, retail dealer, distributor, 13 manufacturer, or seller, an amount equal to the federal and state excise taxes paid by any person on or for such cigarettes or 14 tobacco products under subtitle E of the internal revenue code or 15 16 other applicable state law. 17 (iii) In the case of receipts from the sale of motor fuel by a person with a motor fuel tax license or a retail dealer, an amount 18 19 equal to federal and state excise taxes paid by any person on such motor fuel under section 4081 of the internal revenue code or under 20 21 other applicable state law. (iv) In the case of receipts from the sale of beer, wine, or 22 23 intoxicating liquor by a person holding a license to sell, 24 distribute, or produce those products, an amount equal to federal 25 and state excise taxes paid by any person on or for such beer, 26 wine, or intoxicating liquor under subtitle E of the internal 27 revenue code or other applicable state law.

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(v) In the case of receipts from the sale of communication, 1 2 video, internet access and related services and equipment, any government imposed tax, fee, or other imposition in the nature of a 3 tax or fee required by law, ordinance, regulation, ruling, or other 4 legal authority and authorized to be charged on a customer's bill 5 6 or invoice. (vi) In the case of receipts from the sale of electricity, 7 natural gas, or other energy source, any government imposed tax, 8 fee, or other imposition in the nature of a tax or fee required by 9 law, ordinance, regulation, ruling, or other legal authority and 10 11 authorized to be charged on a customer's bill or invoice. 12 (vii) Any deposit required under any of the following: (A) 1976 IL 1, MCL 445.571 to 445.576. 13 (B) R 436.1629 of the Michigan administrative code. 14 15 (C) R 436.1723a of the Michigan administrative code. (D) Any substantially similar beverage container deposit law 16 of another state. 17 18 (viii) An excise tax collected pursuant to the airport parking 19 tax act, 1987 PA 248, MCL 207.371 to 207.383, collected from or 20 reimbursed by a consumer and remitted as provided in the airport parking tax act, 1987 PA 248, MCL 207.371 to 207.383. 21 (bb) For a regulated investment company as that term is 22 defined under section 851 of the internal revenue code, receipts 23 24 derived from investment activity by that regulated investment 25 company. 26 (cc) For fiscal years that begin after September 30, 2009, 27 unless the state budget director certifies to the state treasurer

by January 1 of that fiscal year that the federally certified rates 1 for actuarial soundness required under 42 CFR 438.6 and that are 2 specifically developed for Michigan's health maintenance 3 4 organizations that hold a contract with this state for medicaid services provide explicit adjustment for their obligations required 5 for payment of the tax under this act, amounts received by the 6 taxpayer during that fiscal year for medicaid premium or 7 reimbursement of costs associated with service provided to a 8 medicaid recipient or beneficiary. 9 (dd) For a taxpayer that provides health care management 10 11 consulting services, amounts received by the taxpayer as fees from 12 its clients that are expended by the taxpayer to reimburse those 13 clients for labor and nonlabor services that are paid by the client 14 and reimbursed to the client pursuant to a services agreement. (4) "GROSS RECEIPTS" MEANS THE ENTIRE AMOUNT RECEIVED BY THE 15

16 TAXPAYER FROM ANY ACTIVITY WHETHER IN INTRASTATE, INTERSTATE, OR
17 FOREIGN COMMERCE CARRIED ON FOR DIRECT OR INDIRECT GAIN, BENEFIT,
18 OR ADVANTAGE TO THE TAXPAYER OR TO OTHERS EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING:
19 (A) PROCEEDS FROM SALES BY A PRINCIPAL THAT THE TAXPAYER
20 COLLECTS IN AN AGENCY CAPACITY SOLELY ON BEHALF OF THE PRINCIPAL
21 AND DELIVERS TO THE PRINCIPAL.

(B) AMOUNTS RECEIVED BY THE TAXPAYER AS AN AGENT SOLELY ON
BEHALF OF THE PRINCIPAL THAT ARE EXPENDED BY THE TAXPAYER FOR ANY
OF THE FOLLOWING:

(i) THE PERFORMANCE OF A SERVICE BY A THIRD PARTY FOR THE
BENEFIT OF THE PRINCIPAL THAT IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PERFORMED BY
A LICENSED PERSON.

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(*ii*) THE PERFORMANCE OF A SERVICE BY A THIRD PARTY FOR THE
 BENEFIT OF THE PRINCIPAL THAT THE TAXPAYER HAS NOT UNDERTAKEN A
 CONTRACTUAL DUTY TO PERFORM.

4 (*iii*) PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST UNDER A MORTGAGE LOAN OR LAND
5 CONTRACT, LEASE OR RENTAL PAYMENTS, OR TAXES, UTILITIES, OR
6 INSURANCE PREMIUMS RELATING TO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED OR
7 LEASED BY THE PRINCIPAL.

8 (*iv*) A CAPITAL ASSET OF A TYPE THAT IS, OR UNDER THE INTERNAL 9 REVENUE CODE WILL BECOME, ELIGIBLE FOR DEPRECIATION, AMORTIZATION, 10 OR ACCELERATED COST RECOVERY BY THE PRINCIPAL FOR FEDERAL INCOME 11 TAX PURPOSES, OR FOR REAL PROPERTY OWNED OR LEASED BY THE 12 PRINCIPAL.

(v) PROPERTY NOT DESCRIBED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (iv) PURCHASED BY
THE TAXPAYER ON BEHALF OF THE PRINCIPAL AND THAT THE TAXPAYER DOES
NOT TAKE TITLE TO OR USE IN THE COURSE OF PERFORMING ITS
CONTRACTUAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES.

17 (vi) FEES, TAXES, ASSESSMENTS, LEVIES, FINES, PENALTIES, OR
18 OTHER PAYMENTS ESTABLISHED BY LAW THAT ARE PAID TO A GOVERNMENTAL
19 ENTITY AND THAT ARE THE LEGAL OBLIGATION OF THE PRINCIPAL.

20 (C) AMOUNTS THAT ARE EXCLUDED FROM GROSS INCOME OF A FOREIGN
21 CORPORATION ENGAGED IN THE INTERNATIONAL OPERATION OF AIRCRAFT
22 UNDER SECTION 883(A) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

(D) AMOUNTS RECEIVED BY AN ADVERTISING AGENCY USED TO ACQUIRE
 ADVERTISING MEDIA TIME, SPACE, PRODUCTION, OR TALENT ON BEHALF OF
 ANOTHER PERSON.

26 (E) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION,
27 AMOUNTS RECEIVED BY A TAXPAYER THAT MANAGES REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY

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THE TAXPAYER'S CLIENT THAT ARE DEPOSITED INTO A SEPARATE ACCOUNT
 KEPT IN THE NAME OF THE TAXPAYER'S CLIENT AND THAT ARE NOT
 REIMBURSEMENTS TO THE TAXPAYER AND ARE NOT INDIRECT PAYMENTS FOR
 MANAGEMENT SERVICES THAT THE TAXPAYER PROVIDES TO THAT CLIENT.

5 (F) PROCEEDS FROM THE TAXPAYER'S TRANSFER OF AN ACCOUNT 6 RECEIVABLE IF THE SALE THAT GENERATED THE ACCOUNT RECEIVABLE WAS 7 INCLUDED IN GROSS RECEIPTS FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES. THIS 8 SUBDIVISION DOES NOT APPLY TO A TAXPAYER THAT DURING THE TAX YEAR 9 BOTH BUYS AND SELLS ANY RECEIVABLES.

10 (G) PROCEEDS FROM ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

11 (i) THE ORIGINAL ISSUE OF STOCK OR EQUITY INSTRUMENTS.

12 (*ii*) THE ORIGINAL ISSUE OF DEBT INSTRUMENTS.

13 (H) REFUNDS FROM RETURNED MERCHANDISE.

14 (I) CASH AND IN-KIND DISCOUNTS.

15 (J) TRADE DISCOUNTS.

16 (K) FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL TAX REFUNDS.

17 (*l*) SECURITY DEPOSITS.

18 (M) PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL PORTION OF LOANS.

19 (N) VALUE OF PROPERTY RECEIVED IN A LIKE-KIND EXCHANGE.

(0) PROCEEDS FROM A SALE, TRANSACTION, EXCHANGE, INVOLUNTARY
CONVERSION, OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF TANGIBLE, INTANGIBLE, OR REAL
PROPERTY THAT IS A CAPITAL ASSET AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1221(A) OF
THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OR LAND THAT QUALIFIES AS PROPERTY USED
IN THE TRADE OR BUSINESS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1231(B) OF THE
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, LESS ANY GAIN FROM THE DISPOSITION TO THE
EXTENT THAT GAIN IS INCLUDED IN FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME.

27 (P) THE PROCEEDS FROM A POLICY OF INSURANCE, A SETTLEMENT OF A

CLAIM, OR A JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL ACTION LESS ANY PROCEEDS UNDER THIS 1 2 SUBDIVISION THAT ARE INCLUDED IN FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME.

(5) "Insurance company" means an authorized insurer as defined 3 4 in section 108 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.108. 5

(6) "Internal revenue code" means the United States internal 6 revenue code of 1986 in effect on January 1, 2012 or, at the option 7 of the taxpayer, in effect for the tax year. 8

(7) "Member", when used for purposes of determining tax 9 liability for a flow-through entity, means a shareholder of a 10 11 subchapter S corporation, a partner in a general partnership, a limited partnership, or a limited liability partnership, a member 12 of a limited liability company, or a beneficiary of a trust that is 13 14 a flow-through entity, that is not taxed as a corporation for federal income tax purposes. 15

16 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect January 17 1, 2012.