SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 6128

A bill to amend 1974 PA 154, entitled "Michigan occupational safety and health act," by amending section 85 (MCL 408.1085), as added by 2020 PA 237; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 85. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act,
- 2 an employer is not liable under this act for an employee's exposure
- ${f 3}$ to COVID-19 if the employer was operating in compliance with all
- 4 federal, state, and local statutes, rules, and regulations,
- ${f 5}$ executive orders, and agency orders related to COVID-19 that had
- 6 not been denied legal effect at the time of the exposure. An
- 7 isolated, de minimis deviation from strict compliance with such
- 8 statutes, rules, regulations, executive orders, and agency orders

- unrelated to the employee's exposure to COVID-19 does not deny anemployer the immunity provided in this section.
- 3 (2) This section does not do any of the following:
- 4 (a) Create, recognize, or ratify a claim or cause of action of5 any kind.
- 6 (b) Eliminate a required element of a claim of any kind
 7 including, but not limited to, a causation or proximate cause
 8 element.
- 9 (c) Amend, repeal, alter, or affect any other immunity or10 limitation of liability.
- 11 (d) Affect a right, remedy, or protection under the worker's
 12 disability compensation act of 1969, 1969 PA 317, MCL 418.101 to
 13 418.941, including the exclusive application of this act.
- 14 (3) This section applies retroactively to an exposure to
 15 COVID-19 that occurs after March 1, 2020. This section does not
 16 apply to an exposure to COVID-19 that occurs after July 1, 2022.
- Enacting section 1. Sections 85 and 85a of the Michigan occupational safety and health act, 1974 PA 154, MCL 408.1085 and 408.1085a, are repealed effective July 1, 2023.
- Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless all of the following bills of the 101st Legislature are enacted into law:
- 23 (a) House Bill No. 5244.