



HOUSE BILL No. 6172

November 12, 1996, Introduced by Rep. Profit and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

A bill to amend section 71 of Act No. 228 of the Public Acts of 1975, entitled "Single business tax act," as amended by Act No. 281 of the Public Acts of 1984, being section 208.71 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 71 of Act No. 228 of the Public Acts of
2 1975, as amended by Act No. 281 of the Public Acts of 1984, being
3 section 208.71 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 71. (1) A taxpayer who reasonably expects liability
6 for the tax year to exceed \$600.00 or adjustments under ~~section~~
7 SECTIONS 23 AND 23B to exceed \$100,000.00 shall file an estimated
8 return and pay an estimated tax for each quarter of the
9 taxpayer's tax year.

1 (2) For taxpayers on a calendar year basis, the quarterly
2 returns and estimated payments shall be made by April 30,
3 July 31, October 31, and January 31. Taxpayers not on a calendar
4 year basis shall file quarterly returns and make estimated pay-
5 ments on the appropriate due date which in the taxpayer's fiscal
6 year corresponds to the calendar year.

7 (3) The estimated payment made with each quarterly return of
8 each tax year shall be for the estimated tax base for the quarter
9 or 25% of the estimated annual liability. The second, third, and
10 fourth estimated payments in each tax year shall include adjust-
11 ments, if necessary, to correct underpayments or overpayments
12 from previous quarterly payments in the tax year to a revised
13 estimate of the annual tax liability.

14 (4) The interest provided by this act shall not be assessed
15 if any of the following occur:

16 (a) If the sum of the estimated payments equals at least 85%
17 of the liability or 1% of the gross receipts for the tax year and
18 the amount of each estimated payment reasonably approximates the
19 tax liability incurred during the quarter for which the estimated
20 payment was made.

21 (b) If ~~the preceding year's tax liability was \$20,000.00 or~~
22 ~~less and if~~ the taxpayer submitted 4 equal installments the sum
23 of which equals the ~~previous~~ IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING TAX year's
24 tax liability AND THE TAXPAYER FILES THE ANNUAL TAX RETURN
25 REQUIRED IN SECTION 73 IN A TIMELY MANNER FOR THE TAX YEAR FOR
26 WHICH THE ESTIMATED PAYMENTS WERE MADE ALONG WITH ANY AMOUNT OF
27 TAX OWED FOR THE TAX YEAR.

1 (5) Each estimated return shall be made on a form prescribed
2 by the department and shall include an estimate of the annual tax
3 liability and other information required by the commissioner.
4 This form may be combined with any other tax reporting form pre-
5 scribed by the department.

6 (6) ~~With respect to~~ FOR a ~~taxpayer filing an~~ TAXPAYER'S
7 estimated ~~tax~~ return for the taxpayer's first tax year of less
8 than 12 months, the amounts paid with each ESTIMATED return shall
9 be proportional to the number of payments made in the first tax
10 year.

11 (7) Payments made under this section ~~shall be~~ ARE a credit
12 against the payment required with the annual tax return required
13 in section 73.

14 (8) ~~When~~ IF the commissioner considers it necessary to
15 insure payment of the tax or to provide a more efficient adminis-
16 tration of the tax, the commissioner may require ~~filing of~~ A
17 TAXPAYER TO FILE the returns and ~~payment of~~ PAY the tax for
18 other than quarterly or annual periods.

19 (9) A taxpayer who elects under the internal revenue code to
20 file an annual federal income tax return by March 1 in the year
21 following the taxpayer's tax year and does not make a quarterly
22 estimate or payment, or does not make a quarterly estimate or
23 payment and files a tentative annual return with a tentative pay-
24 ment by January 15, in the year following the taxpayer's tax year
25 and a final return by April 15 in the year following the
26 taxpayer's tax year, shall have the same option ~~in filing~~ TO
27 FILE the estimated and annual returns required by this act.

1 (10) Instead of the quarterly return prescribed in
2 subsections (1) and (2), the taxpayer may elect either of the
3 following options:

4 (a) To file and pay before the sixteenth day of each month
5 an estimated return computed at the rate of 1% of the gross
6 receipts for the IMMEDIATELY preceding month.

7 (b) To file and pay before the sixteenth day of the months
8 specified in subsection (2) an estimated return computed at the
9 rate of 1% of the gross receipts for the IMMEDIATELY preceding
10 quarter.