

SENATE BILL No. 816

November 6, 2001, Introduced by Senators STEIL, GARCIA, BENNETT, SCHUETTE, SHUGARS, BULLARD, GOSCHKA and MC COTTER and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to amend 1975 PA 228, entitled
"Single business tax act,"
by amending section 31 (MCL 208.31), as amended by 1999 PA 115.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 31. (1) Except as provided in subsections (5), ~~and~~
2 (6), AND (7), there is levied and imposed a specific tax upon the
3 adjusted tax base of every person with business activity in this
4 state that is allocated or apportioned to this state at the fol-
5 lowing rates for the specified periods:

6 (a) Before October 1, 1994, 2.35%.

7 (b) After September 30, 1994 and before January 1, 1999,
8 2.30%.

9 (c) Beginning January 1, 1999 and each January 1 after 1999,
10 the rate under this subsection shall be reduced as provided in
11 ~~subsection~~ SUBSECTIONS (5) AND (6).

1 (2) As used in this section, "adjusted tax base" means the
2 tax base allocated or apportioned to this state pursuant to chap-
3 ter 3 with the adjustments prescribed by sections 23 and 23b and
4 the exemptions prescribed by section 35. If the adjusted tax
5 base exceeds 50% of ~~the sum of~~ gross receipts plus the adjust-
6 ments provided in section 23b(a) to (g), apportioned or allocated
7 to Michigan with the apportionment fraction calculated pursuant
8 to chapter 3, the adjusted tax base may, at the option of the
9 taxpayer, be reduced by that excess. If a taxpayer reduces the
10 adjusted tax base under this subsection, the taxpayer is not
11 entitled to the adjustment provided in subsection (4) for the
12 same taxable year. This subsection does not apply to an adjusted
13 tax base under section 22a.

14 (3) The tax levied under this section and imposed is upon
15 the privilege of doing business and not upon income.

16 (4) In lieu of the reduction provided in subsection (2), a
17 person may elect to reduce the adjusted tax base by the percen-
18 tage that the compensation divided by the tax base exceeds 63%.
19 The deduction shall not exceed 37% of the adjusted tax base. For
20 purposes of computing the deduction allowed by this subsection,
21 as effective for the respective tax year, compensation does not
22 include amounts of compensation exempt from tax under section
23 35(1)(e). This subsection does not apply to an adjusted tax base
24 under section 22a.

25 (5) ~~If~~ FOR TAX YEARS THAT BEGIN BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2001, IF
26 the comprehensive annual financial report of this state for a
27 state fiscal year, published pursuant to section 494 of the

1 management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1494, reports an
2 ending balance of more than \$250,000,000.00 in the countercycli-
3 cal budget and economic stabilization fund created under section
4 351 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1351,
5 for that state fiscal year, the tax rate under this section shall
6 be reduced by 0.1 percentage point on the January 1 following the
7 end of the state fiscal year for which the report was issued.

8 (6) FOR TAX YEARS THAT BEGIN AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2000, IF THE
9 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THIS STATE FOR A STATE
10 FISCAL YEAR, PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 494 OF THE MANAGEMENT
11 AND BUDGET ACT, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1494, REPORTS AN ENDING BAL-
12 ANCE OF MORE THAN \$250,000,000.00 IN THE COUNTERCYCLICAL BUDGET
13 AND ECONOMIC STABILIZATION FUND CREATED UNDER SECTION 351 OF THE
14 MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACT, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1351, FOR THAT
15 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE TAX RATE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE
16 REDUCED BY 0.1 PERCENTAGE POINT ON THE OCTOBER 1 FOLLOWING THE
17 END OF THE STATE FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH THE REPORT WAS ISSUED.

18 (7) ~~—(6)—~~ The department shall annualize the rate under this
19 section as necessary, and the applicable annualized rate shall be
20 imposed.