

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
96TH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2012**

Introduced by Rep. Stamas

# **ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4860**

AN ACT to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of rights and interests, including leasehold interests, in property and the levy and collection of taxes on property, and for the collection of taxes levied; making those taxes a lien on the property taxed, establishing and continuing the lien, providing for the sale or forfeiture and conveyance of property delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the state and not redeemed or purchased; to provide for the establishment of a delinquent tax revolving fund and the borrowing of money by counties and the issuance of notes; to define and limit the jurisdiction of the courts in proceedings in connection with property delinquent for taxes; to limit the time within which actions may be brought; to prescribe certain limitations with respect to rates of taxation; to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain officers, departments, agencies, and political subdivisions of this state; to provide for certain reimbursements of certain expenses incurred by units of local government; to provide penalties for the violation of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending section 27b (MCL 211.27b), as amended by 1996 PA 476.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 27b. (1) If the buyer, grantee, or other transferee in the immediately preceding transfer of ownership of property does not notify the appropriate assessing office as required by section 27a(10), the property's taxable value shall be adjusted under section 27a(3) and all of the following shall be levied:

(a) Any additional taxes that would have been levied if the transfer of ownership had been recorded as required under this act from the date of transfer.

(b) Interest and penalty from the date the tax would have been originally levied.

(c) For property classified under section 34c as either industrial real property or commercial real property, a penalty in the following amount:

(i) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (ii), if the sale price of the property transferred is \$100,000,000.00 or less, \$20.00 per day for each separate failure beginning after the 45 days have elapsed, up to a maximum of \$1,000.00.

(ii) If the sale price of the property transferred is more than \$100,000,000.00, \$20,000.00 after the 45 days have elapsed. However, if the appropriate assessing office determines that the failure to notify the assessing office within 45 days after the property's transfer of ownership was due to reasonable cause and not the willful neglect of the buyer, grantee, or other transferee, the penalty under subparagraph (i) shall be imposed. If the appropriate assessing office makes a determination that the failure to notify the assessing office within 45 days after the property's transfer of ownership was a result of the willful neglect of the buyer, grantee, or other transferee, that assessing office shall promptly send that buyer, grantee, or other transferee written notice, by certified mail, of that determination. A buyer, grantee, or other transferee who is assessed the penalty under this subparagraph may appeal that determination to the Michigan tax tribunal.

(d) For real property other than real property classified under section 34c as industrial real property or commercial real property, a penalty of \$5.00 per day for each separate failure beginning after the 45 days have elapsed, up to a maximum of \$200.00.

(2) The appropriate assessing officer shall certify for collection to the treasurer of the local tax collecting unit if the local tax collecting unit has possession of the tax roll or the county treasurer if the county has possession of the tax roll any additional taxes due under subsection (1)(a) and any penalty due under subsection (1)(c) or (d).

(3) The treasurer of the local tax collecting unit if the local tax collecting unit has possession of the tax roll or the county treasurer if the county has possession of the tax roll shall collect any taxes, interest, and penalty due pursuant to this section, and shall immediately prepare and submit a corrected tax bill for any additional taxes due under subsection (1)(a) and any interest and penalty due under subsection (1)(b). A penalty due under subsection (1)(c) or (d) may be collected with the immediately succeeding regular tax bill.

(4) Any taxes, interest, and penalty collected pursuant to subsection (1)(a) and (b) shall be distributed in the same manner as other delinquent taxes, interest, and penalties are distributed under this act. Any penalty collected under subsection (1)(c) or (d) shall be distributed to the local tax collecting unit.

(5) The governing body of a local tax collecting unit may waive, by resolution, the penalty levied under subsection (1)(c) or (d).

(6) If the taxable value of property is increased under this section, the appropriate assessing officer shall immediately notify by first-class mail the owner of that property of that increase in taxable value. A buyer, grantee, or other transferee may appeal any increase in taxable value or the levy of any additional taxes, interest, and penalties under subsection (1) to the Michigan tax tribunal within 35 days of receiving the notice of the increase in the property's taxable value. An appeal under this subsection is limited to the issues of whether a transfer of ownership has occurred and correcting arithmetic errors. A dispute regarding the valuation of the property is not a basis for appeal under this subsection.

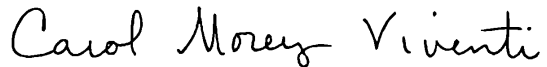
(7) If the taxable value of property is adjusted under subsection (1), the assessing officer making the adjustment shall file an affidavit with all officials responsible for determining assessment figures, rate of taxation, or mathematical calculations for that property within 30 days of the date the adjustment is made. The affidavit shall state the amount of the adjustment and the amount of additional taxes levied. The officials with whom the affidavit is filed shall correct all official records for which they are responsible to reflect the adjustment and levy.

(8) Notification of a transfer of ownership provided as required under section 27a(10) or a levy of additional taxes, interest, and penalty under this section shall not be considered a determination of or evidence of the classification of the property transferred as real or personal property.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives



Secretary of the Senate

Approved .....

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Governor