

FY 2023-24: LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
Summary: As Reported by House Appropriations Committee
House Bill 4280 (H-3)



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IDG/IDT	FY 2022-23 YTD as of 2/8/23	FY 2023-24 Executive	FY 2023-24 House	FY 2023-24 Senate	FY 2023-24 Conference	Difference: House From FY 2022-23 YTD	
						Amount	%
	\$47,026,900	\$46,897,200	\$46,897,200	\$	\$	(\$129,700)	(0.3)
Federal	29,659,200	30,004,200	30,004,200			345,000	1.2
Local	0	0	0			0	--
Private	0	0	0			0	--
Restricted	249,325,900	256,838,700	258,438,700			9,112,800	3.7
GF/GP	213,822,400	266,731,100	289,731,100			75,908,700	35.5
Gross	\$539,834,400	\$600,471,200	\$625,071,200	\$	\$	\$85,236,800	15.8
FTEs	1,879.9	1,891.9	1,891.9			12.0	0.6

Notes: (1) FY 2022-23 year-to-date figures include mid-year budget adjustments through February 8, 2023. (2) Appropriation figures for all years include all proposed appropriation amounts, including amounts designated as "one-time."

Overview

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) is the state's primary regulatory entity. The department oversees regulation across a variety of sectors, including commercial and occupational activities, construction and fire safety, health care and human services, public utilities, liquor control, and marihuana. Units within LARA also conduct and adjudicate administrative hearings, oversee rules promulgation, provide support for the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission and the Unarmed Combat Commission, and administer multiple grant programs, including Michigan Indigent Defense Commission grants.

Major Budget Changes from FY 2022-23 YTD Appropriations

1. Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) Grants

Executive includes \$72.0 million GF/GP to support grant distributions to district and circuit court funding units to fund the state's projected share of FY 2023-24 costs associated with MIDC standards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8. \$29.8 million is included for compliance with standards 1-5, which pertain to the education and training of defense counsel, timing and location of attorney-client interviews, defense investigations and experts, presence of counsel at first appearance and other critical stages, and the independence of indigent criminal defense services from the judiciary. \$42.2 million is included for costs incurred for compliance with MIDC Standard 8, which pertains to economic disincentives and incentives, including rates of payment for salaried public defenders, compensation and expenses for assigned counsel, contracting for indigent defense services, conflict counsel, reimbursements, and payments. House includes \$57.2 million for these purposes.

	FY 2022-23 Year-to-Date (as of 2/8/23)	FY 2023-24 House Change
Gross	\$148,917,400	\$57,155,500
Restricted	300,000	0
GF/GP	\$148,617,400	\$57,155,500

2. Renewable Energy and Electrification Infrastructure Enhancement and Development

House includes \$36.2 million GF/GP (\$11.7 million ongoing, \$24.5 million one-time) for grants to businesses, nonprofit organizations, and local government units for planning, developing, designing, acquiring, or constructing renewable energy and electrification infrastructure projects. These projects could include electrification programs to allow solar arrays larger than 5 MW to connect to the grid, renewable natural gas facilities, and electric vehicle fast charging infrastructure upgrades within 1,000 feet of a U.S. highway or state trunkline roadway.

Gross	NA	\$36,244,500
GF/GP	NA	\$36,244,500

<u>Major Budget Changes from FY 2022-23 YTD Appropriations</u>		<u>FY 2022-23 Year-to-Date (as of 2/8/23)</u>	<u>FY 2023-24 House Change</u>
3. Low Carbon Energy Infrastructure Enhancement and Development		Gross	\$25,000,000
<u>Executive</u> removes \$25.0 million GF/GP that funded grants to businesses, nonprofit organizations, and local government units for planning, developing, designing, acquiring, or constructing low carbon energy facilities, which include natural gas facilities, combined heat and power facilities, and electrification programs. <u>House</u> concurs.		GF/GP	(\$25,000,000)
4. Michigan Saves Green Bank		Gross	NA
<u>Executive</u> includes \$5.0 million GF/GP (one-time) for Michigan Saves, a non-profit green bank. Funding would be used to offer credit enhancement tools intended to incentivize lending to residential and commercial borrowers at lower rates and under better terms for renewable energy and energy efficiency improvement loans. Such credit enhancement tools could include a loan loss reserve fund. <u>House</u> concurs.		GF/GP	\$5,000,000
5. Cannabis Regulatory Agency Reference Laboratory		FTE	NA
<u>Executive</u> includes \$4.4 million of state restricted funding authorization (\$1.6 million ongoing, \$2.8 million one-time) from the Marijuana Regulation Fund (adult-use) and authorization for 5.0 FTE positions to establish a reference laboratory for the CRA. The laboratory would perform testing in support of CRA investigations, ongoing proficiency testing, industry audits, and development and optimization of testing methods. The ongoing funding component would support staffing and operations costs, while the one-time funding component would be used for equipment purchases and any necessary construction. <u>House</u> concurs.		Gross	NA
		Restricted	5.0
		GF/GP	\$4,400,000
			4,400,000
			\$0
6. Corporations Online Filing Modernization		Gross	NA
<u>Executive</u> includes \$2.7 million of state restricted funding authorization from Corporation Fees (one-time) to continue modernization of the Corporations Online Filing System. The modernization project would improve system reliability and security, increase online functionality, and simplify the public portal. The system is used to process and store approximately 2.7 million records, of which 1.0 million are for active entities and 1.6 million are for inactive entities. <u>House</u> concurs.		Restricted	NA
		GF/GP	NA
			\$2,700,000
			2,700,000
			\$0
7. Child Care Licensing Background Checks		Gross	NA
<u>Executive</u> includes \$2.2 million GF/GP (\$2.0 million ongoing, \$200,000 one-time) to support costs associated with background checks in the child care sector. The funding would offset costs associated with federally required criminal background checks for new providers and staff and federally required 5-year rechecks; it would also support staffing to implement statutory background check requirements. Specifically, the funding would support staffing costs and offset costs associated with new provider and staff fingerprinting and existing provider reprinting. <u>House</u> concurs.		GF/GP	NA
			\$2,200,000
			\$2,200,000
8. Bureau of Fire Services – Smoke Detectors		Gross	NA
<u>House</u> includes \$1.6 million GF/GP (one-time) for the Bureau of Fire Services to purchase and distribute sealed-battery smoke detectors to Michigan residents		GF/GP	NA
			\$1,600,000
			\$1,600,000

		FY 2022-23 Year-to-Date (as of 2/8/23)	FY 2023-24 House Change
Major Budget Changes from FY 2022-23 YTD Appropriations			
9. Liquor Law Enforcement Grants			
<u>Executive</u> provides an increase of \$1.5 million of state restricted funding authorization to the amount available for Liquor Law Enforcement Grants. Funding for the grants is supported by retailers' liquor license fees and license renewal fees. Statutorily, 55% of the revenue from these license fees is to be distributed in the jurisdiction in which they were collected for enforcement of the Liquor Control Code and associated administrative rules. Increased license and permit renewals and spirit sales have caused the revenue collected from retailers' liquor license fees and renewal fees to increase, as well. <u>House</u> concurs.	Gross	\$8,400,000	\$1,500,000
	Restricted	8,400,000	1,500,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
10. Bureau of Survey and Certification			
<u>Executive</u> includes \$1.2 million GF/GP (one-time) to support the Bureau of Survey and Certification's health care provider survey and investigation activities (done on behalf of the federal government) and compliance with statutory changes to the Michigan Public Health Code. The statutory changes require the implementation of a quality assurance monitoring process and ongoing quality reviews and education. <u>House</u> concurs.	Gross	NA	\$1,200,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$1,200,000
11. Child Care Licensing Bureau Staffing			
<u>Executive</u> includes \$1.1 million GF/GP and authorization for 7.0 FTE positions to onboard additional staff in the Child Care Licensing Bureau. The positions that would be filled include 1 resource development coordinator, 3 departmental analysts, and 3 child day care consultants. Activities that would be performed by the new staff include, but are not limited to, organizing mandated requirements, ensuring compliance with relevant trainings and health and safety requirements, monitoring corrective action plans, coordinating the development of the bureau's informational resources, and conducting special investigations. <u>House</u> concurs.	FTE	127.0	7.0
	Gross	\$20,648,400	\$1,100,000
	IDG/IDT	20,146,700	0
	Restricted	501,700	0
	GF/GP	\$0	\$1,100,000
12. Corporations Online Filing System Ongoing Maintenance			
<u>Executive</u> includes \$1.0 million of state restricted funding authorization from Corporation Fees to support ongoing maintenance costs for the Corporations Online Filing System. <u>House</u> concurs.	Gross	NA	\$1,000,000
	Restricted	NA	1,000,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
13. Elevator Inspector Pay Rate Increase			
<u>House</u> includes \$900,000 in state restricted funding authorization from the Construction Code Fund to allow LARA to cooperate with the Office of the State Employer and the relevant collective bargaining unit to increase the pay rate for elevator inspectors employed by LARA.	Gross	NA	\$900,000
	Restricted	NA	900,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
14. Michigan Liquor Control Commission SIPS Maintenance and Licensing			
<u>Executive</u> includes \$900,000 in state restricted funding authorization to support maintenance and licensing costs associated with the MLCC's Sales, Inventory, Purchasing, and Licensing system. <u>House</u> concurs.	Gross	NA	\$900,000
	Restricted	NA	900,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
15. Michigan Public Service Commission Staff			
<u>Executive</u> includes \$813,400 Gross (\$0 GF/GP) to support the onboarding of additional staff for the Gas Safety and Operations Division within the MPSC (the authorization for the FTEs is from the internal transfer detailed in item 22). The 5 additional positions would support the gas safety, infrastructure, and damage prevention programs by performing inspections and enforcement activities. Additional inspections have been necessitated by higher levels of infrastructure projects and to achieve compliance with federal regulations. <u>House</u> concurs.	FTE	190.0	0.0
	Gross	\$34,168,900	\$813,400
	Federal	2,665,000	349,900
	Restricted	31,503,900	463,500
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0

Major Budget Changes from FY 2022-23 YTD Appropriations		FY 2022-23 Year-to-Date (as of 2/8/23)	FY 2023-24 House Change
16. Premanufactured Unit Plan Review Upgrades	Gross	NA	\$700,000
<u>House</u> includes \$700,000 GF/GP (one-time) to allow the Bureau of Construction Codes to implement changes to decrease the average length of time that it takes to process and review premanufactured unit plan submissions (modular homes).	GF/GP	NA	\$700,000
17. Child Care Licensing System Maintenance and Licensing	Gross	NA	\$600,000
<u>Executive</u> includes \$600,000 GF/GP to support ongoing maintenance and licensing costs for the child care licensing system. <u>House</u> concurs.	GF/GP	NA	\$600,000
18. Michigan Liquor Control Commission Staffing	FTE	145.0	0.0
<u>Executive</u> includes \$514,600 in state restricted funding authorization to hire a department specialist, a department manager, and a finance position for auditing/product pricing (the authorization for these FTEs is from the internal transfer detailed in item 22). There has been appreciable growth in the number of products that the MLCC oversees and sales volumes. <u>House</u> concurs.	Gross	\$22,201,500	\$514,600
	Restricted	22,201,500	514,600
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
19. Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Staffing	FTE	16.0	0.0
<u>Executive</u> includes \$413,000 GF/GP to onboard 2 staff members for financial oversight of MIDC grants and to satisfy a statutory requirement for the MIDC to serve as a clearinghouse for experts and investigators in indigent defense cases. The authorization for these FTEs is from the internal transfer detailed in item 22. <u>House</u> concurs.	Gross	\$2,763,000	\$413,000
	GF/GP	\$2,763,000	\$413,000
20. Industrial Hemp Processor-Handler Regulation	Gross	NA	\$300,000
<u>Executive</u> includes \$300,000 in state restricted funding authorization from the Industrial Hemp Licensing and Registration Fund to support staffing and ancillary costs for licensing industrial hemp-process handlers, intaking and responding to complaints, and conducting necessary investigations. <u>House</u> concurs.	Restricted	NA	300,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
21. Bureau of Fire Services Aboveground Storage Tank Fees	Gross	NA	\$100,000
<u>Executive</u> includes an additional \$100,000 in state restricted funding authorization from Aboveground Storage Tank Fees. The additional authorization would support Aboveground Storage Tank Program activities, which pertain to the regulation of storage for a variety of flammable liquids. <u>House</u> concurs.	Restricted	NA	100,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
22. MiLogin Rate Increase	Gross	NA	\$100,000
<u>Executive</u> includes \$100,000 in state restricted funding authorization for an increase in the rate that the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget assesses for the MiLogin System, which is the State of Michigan's identity management solution. <u>House</u> concurs.	Restricted	NA	100,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$0
23. Michigan Public Service Commission Gas Inspections	FTE	190.0	0.0
<u>Executive</u> includes \$73,900 Gross (\$0 GF/GP) to support increased inspection and enforcement activities of the Underground Natural Gas Storage Program within the MPSC. Additional activities have been necessitated by higher levels of infrastructure projects and to achieve compliance with federal regulations. <u>House</u> concurs.	Gross	\$34,168,900	\$73,900
	Federal	2,665,000	69,500
	Restricted	31,503,900	4,400
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0

<u>Major Budget Changes from FY 2022-23 YTD Appropriations</u>		<u>FY 2022-23 Year-to-Date (as of 2/8/23)</u>	<u>FY 2023-24 House Change</u>
24. Removal of FY 2022-23 One-Time Appropriations	Gross	\$8,343,600	(\$8,343,600)
<u>Executive</u> removes \$8.3 million Gross (\$4.5 million GF/GP) of one-time funding that was included in the FY 2022-23 budget to support the following:	Restricted	3,843,600	(3,843,600)
	GF/GP	\$4,500,000	(\$4,500,000)

- BFS – Smoke Detectors (\$1.0 million GF/GP)
- Cannabis Market Taxation and Regulatory Compliance Analysis Pilot Program (\$500,000 state restricted funding authorization)
- Corporations Online Filing Modernization (\$2.3 million state restricted funding authorization)
- Michigan Saves (\$2.5 million GF/GP)
- Michigan Task Force on Foreign Trained Medical Professional Licensing (\$1.0 million state restricted funding authorization)
- Urban Search and Rescue (\$1.0 million GF/GP)

House concurs.

25. Internal FTE Authorization Alignment

Executive includes an internal net to zero realignment of FTE authorizations for 8 line items to align authorization with current department needs. Line items that would be impacted include the following:

- Public Service Commission – increase of 5.0 FTEs
- Liquor Licensing and Enforcement – increase of 3.0 FTEs
- Management Support Services – increase of 2.0 FTEs
- Bureau of Construction Codes – decrease of 10.0 FTEs
- Bureau of Professional Licensing – decrease of 3.0 FTEs
- Child Care Licensing and Regulation – increase of 6.0 FTEs
- Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules – decrease of 8.0 FTEs
- Michigan Indigent Defense Commission – increase of 5.0 FTEs

House concurs and includes an additional transfer of 1.0 FTE position from the Bureau of Fire Services line item to the Renewable Energy and Electrification Infrastructure Enhancement and Development, Ongoing line item.

FTE	NA	0.0
Gross	NA	\$0
GF/GP	NA	\$0

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26. Technical Adjustments	Gross	NA	\$1,900
<u>Executive</u> includes \$1,900 Gross (\$0 GF/GP) to increase state restricted funding authorization from the Marihuana Regulatory Fund (medical marihuana) to align with projected revenues. Additional internal net to zero adjustments include the following:	Restricted	NA	701,900
	GF/GP	NA	(\$700,000)

- Creates a new Bureau of Survey and Certification line item with authorization currently in the Bureau of Community and Health Systems Administration and Health Facilities Regulation line items.
- Rolls the Adult Foster Care and Camps Licensing and Regulation, Bureau of Community and Health Systems Administration, Health Facilities Regulation, and Nurse Aide Program line items into a single line item for the Bureau of Community and Health Systems.
- Rolls the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing and Tracking, Medical Marihuana Program, and Recreational Marihuana Regulation line items into a single Cannabis Regulatory Agency line item.
- Internally shifts \$375,000 in state restricted funding authorization from the Property Management line item to the Corporations, Securities, and Commercial Licensing Bureau line item.
- Adjusts marihuana state restricted funding authorizations to increase authorization from the Marihuana Regulation Fund (adult-use) by \$2.9 million, decrease authorization from the Marihuana Registry Fund (medical marihuana card program) by \$2.3 million, and decrease authorization from the Marihuana Regulatory Fund (medical marihuana) by \$588,200.
- Replaces \$1.0 million in state restricted funding authorization from the Licensing and Regulation Fund with authorization from the Health Professions Regulatory Fund.
- Replaces \$642,500 in state restricted funding authorization from Restructuring Mechanism Assessments to authorization from Public Utility Assessments, to reflect the elimination of restructuring mechanism assessments in September 2022.

House concurs and includes an additional net to zero adjustment for the Bureau of Professional Licensing line item, replacing \$700,000 GF/GP with state restricted funding authorization from the Health Professions Regulatory Fund.

27. Economic Adjustments	Gross	NA	(\$936,400)
<u>Executive</u> reflects decreased net costs of \$936,400 Gross (\$104,300 GF/GP) for negotiated salary and wage increases (2.0% on October 1, 2023), overtime, longevity, actuarially required retirement contributions, other employee retirement costs, worker's compensation, building occupancy charges, rent, and other economic adjustments. <u>House</u> concurs.	IDG/IDT	NA	(129,700)
	Federal	NA	(74,400)
	Restricted	NA	(628,000)
	GF/GP	NA	(\$104,300)

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2022-23

Sec. 205. Standard List of Report Recipients – NEW

Requires submission of all reports to the subcommittees, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and the state budget office. Executive does not include. House includes new language.

Sec. 207. Communication with the Legislature – RETAINED

Prohibits LARA from taking disciplinary action against employees for communicating with legislators or their staff, unless the communication is prohibited by law. Executive deletes. House retains.

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2022-23

Sec. 211. Legislative Contingency Transfer Authorization – REVISED

Allows for the legislative transfer process to increase federal authorization by up to \$1.0 million, state restricted authorization by up to \$1.5 million, local authorization by up to \$200,000, and private authorization by up to \$100,000. Executive revises to increase maximum amounts of contingency authorizations to increase federal authorization by up to \$10.0 million, state restricted authorization by up to \$25.0 million, local authorization by up to \$1.0 million, and private authorization by up to \$500,000. House concurs.

Sec. 212. Transparency Website – RETAINED

Requires LARA, in cooperation with DTMB, to maintain a searchable website accessible by the public at no cost that includes information on expenditures, vendor payments, number of active employees, job specifications, and wage rates. Executive deletes. House retains.

Sec. 213. Restricted Fund Report – REVISED

Requires LARA to work with SBO to report on estimated restricted fund revenues, expenditures, and balances for the prior two fiscal years. Executive deletes. House revises to align report recipients with section 205.

Sec. 214. Legacy Costs – DELETED

Identifies total funding estimated to be expended on legacy costs in FY 2022-23, \$40.4 million (\$24.5 million on pension-related legacy costs and \$15.9 million on health care legacy costs). Executive deletes. House concurs.

Sec. 214. Department Scorecard Website – RETAINED

Requires LARA to maintain, on a publicly accessible website, a scorecard that identifies, tracks, and regularly updates key metrics used to monitor and improve department performance. Executive deletes. House retains.

Sec. 216. FTE Vacancies and Remote Work Reports – REVISED

Requires LARA to submit quarterly reports containing FTE volumes and a comparison of actual and authorized FTE position counts; requires an annual report on the number of employees engaged in remote work in 2022, number of employees authorized to work remotely and the actual number working remotely, and estimated net cost savings and reduced use of office space achieved by remote work. Executive revises to delete all reporting requirements except for quarterly comparison of actual and authorized FTEs. House concurs.

Sec. 217. Work Project Usage – RETAINED

Stipulates that appropriations are not to be expended, if possible, until all existing work project authorization for the same purpose is exhausted. Executive deletes. House retains.

Sec. 218. State Administrative Board Transfers – DELETED

Stipulates that the legislature may intertransfer funds via concurrent resolution if the State Administrative Board transfers funds. Executive deletes. House concurs.

Sec. 218. Retention of Reports – RETAINED

Requires LARA to receive and retain copies of all reports funded by the department's budget, while complying with federal and state guidelines for records retention. Executive deletes. House retains.

Sec. 219. Report on Policy Changes for Public Act Implementation – REVISED

Requires LARA to report on policy changes made to implement public acts that took effect during the prior calendar year. Executive deletes. House revises to align report recipients with section 205.

Sec. 220. Severance Pay Reporting – REVISED

Requires LARA to report any severance pay for a director or other high-ranking official not later than 14 days after a severance agreement is signed; maintain an internet site posting any severance pay in excess of 6 weeks of wages; report the total amount of severance pay remitted and the number of LARA employees receiving severance pay in FY 2021-22. Executive deletes. House revises to align report recipients with section 205, delete the requirement to maintain an internet site posting any severance pay in excess of 6 weeks of wages, and update fiscal year references.

Sec. 221. In-Person Work – RETAINED

Expresses legislative intent that LARA maximize the efficiency of the state workforce and prioritize in-person work where possible; requires LARA to post its in-person, remote, or hybrid work policy on its website. Executive deletes. House retains. Executive deletes. House retains.

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2022-23

Sec. 222. COVID-19 Vaccine Stipulations – DELETED

Prohibits requiring proof of having received a COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of accessing any facility or services, except as required by federal law; prohibits producing, developing, issuing, or requiring a COVID-19 vaccine passport; prohibits developing a database or making an existing database publicly available to access an individual's COVID-19 vaccine status; prohibits requiring proof of having received a COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of employment, with exceptions for hospitals and medical facilities; prohibits adverse employment consequences due to an individual's COVID-19 vaccination status; requires that exemptions be created for individuals who medically cannot receive the vaccine or who have religious or consistently held objections to vaccination if a federal mandate requires establishment of a COVID-19 vaccine policy. Executive deletes. House concurs.

Sec. 222. Access to State and Local Services – NEW

Prohibits appropriations from being used to restrict or interfere with actions related to diversity, equity, and inclusion; to restrict or impede community access to government programs; or restrict an individual's ability to exercise the right to reproductive freedom; requires local governments to report on actions that attempt to restrict duties of local health officers. Executive includes new language. House concurs.

Sec. 224. Private Grant Funded Projects – REVISED

Authorizes appropriation of private grant revenues, subject to a limitation of \$1.5 million; requires report to subcommittees chairs within 10 days of receiving grants from private entities. Executive revises to eliminate the \$1.5 million cap. House revises to increase the cap to \$2.0 million.

Sec. 225. Informational, Training, and Special Events Revenue and Expenditures – RETAINED

Authorizes LARA to charge registration fees for events sponsored by LARA; requires fees to reflect costs of sponsoring events; appropriates revenue generated by fees for sponsorship costs; authorizes excess revenue to be carried forward; limits appropriation to \$500,000. Executive revises to eliminate the \$500,000 cap. House retains.

Sec. 228. Regulatory Statistical Report – REVISED

Requires LARA to submit an annual report specifying and summarizing statistical information pertaining to fees, revenues, expenditures, application determinations, timeliness, examinations, complaints, investigations, enforcement actions, administrative hearings, and adjudications for regulatory products administered by specified agencies within LARA. Executive deletes. House revises to align report recipients with section 205 and to eliminate a requirement for the data to include the 3 previous fiscal years.

Sec. 229. Employee Performance Monitoring Process – REVISED

Expresses legislative intent that LARA establish a consistent employee performance monitoring process and requires quarterly reports on planned or implemented changes to that process and the number of evaluations performed. Executive deletes. House revises to align report recipients with section 205 and to reduce reporting frequency from quarterly to annually.

Sec. 232. Television and Radio Production Expenditure Report – DELETED

Requires LARA to report any expenditure of funds to a third-party vendor for television or radio productions; delineates information to be included. Executive deletes. House concurs.

Sec. 233. Pending Litigation – DELETED

Stipulates that pending litigation related to a licensee must not delay LARA investigations and licensing actions, unless prohibited by law. Executive deletes. House concurs.

Sec. 234. Training Materials Reporting – DELETED

Requires LARA to report on materials that employees and contractors are required to review or complete for mandatory training; requires materials be made available to subcommittee members or their designees for review. Executive deletes. House concurs.

Sec. 235. Customer Service and Business Ethics Training – DELETED

Requires all LARA employees to participate in 2 hours of customer service and business ethics training; stipulates topics that must be included in the training; requires a report on the training. Executive deletes. House concurs.

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2022-23

Sec. 302. Low Carbon Energy Infrastructure Enhancement and Development – DELETED

(1) Requires funding to be used only for grants to businesses, nonprofit organizations, and local government units for planning, developing, designing, acquiring, or constructing low carbon energy facilities, which may include natural gas and combined heat and power facilities and electrification programs; (2) requires PSC to develop and implement a grant application process within 6 months and establishes prioritization criteria for grant approvals; (3) establishes requirements for grant applicants, including submission of an impact study and proposal with a cost-benefit analysis and emissions details; (4) establishes further requirements for grant applicants for renewable natural gas infrastructure projects; (5) provides a 45-day review period for affected entities to review and comment on an application and a 15- day period for an applicant to modify their initial proposal; (6) requires PSC award grants to applicants who have met the grant criteria; (7) requires grant recipients to report to PSC on how the money was used within 30 days after a project's completion; (8) defines "renewable natural gas"; (9) designates unexpended funding as a work project appropriation. Executive deletes. House concurs.

Sec. 302. Renewable Energy and Electrification Infrastructure Enhancement and Development – NEW

(1) Requires funding to be used only for grants to businesses, nonprofit organizations, and local government units for planning, developing, designing, acquiring, or constructing renewable energy and electrification infrastructure projects, which includes electrification programs to connect solar arrays larger than 5 MW to the grid, renewable natural gas facilities, and EV fast charging infrastructure upgrades within 1,000 feet of a U.S. highway or state trunkline roadway; (2) requires PSC to develop and implement a grant application process within 6 months and prioritizes grant approvals that meet the goals of the MI Healthy Climate Plan; (3) establishes requirements for grant applicants, including submission of an impact study; (4) establishes further requirements for grant applicants for renewable natural gas infrastructure projects; (5) provides a 45-day review period for affected entities to review and comment on an application and a 15- day period for an applicant to modify their initial proposal; (6) requires PSC award grants to applicants who have met the grant criteria; (7) requires grant recipients to report to PSC on how the money was used within 30 days after a project's completion; (8) defines "renewable natural gas"; (9) and (10) designate unexpended funding as work project appropriations; (11) explicitly prohibits funds from being used for expansion of conventional natural gas. Executive does not include. House includes new language.

Sec. 303. Michigan Public Service Commission Public Hearings – NEW

Requires the MPSC to conduct at least 1 hearing in any city with a population greater than 195,000 and at least 1 public hearing within each of the 4 judicial districts created under section 302 of the Revised Judicature Act, to address questions from the public and to receive public comments. Executive does not include. House includes new language.

Sec. 401. Investigation of Direct Shipments of Wine and Report – REVISED

Requires MLCC to use funds appropriated from Direct Shipper Enforcement Fund, as required under Section 203(11) of the Michigan Liquor Control Code, 1998 PA 58, to investigate illegal direct shipments of wine; requires notice to be sent to entities found to have illegally shipped wine into the state; requires MLCC to submit report detailing activities to investigate illegal shipping of wine. Executive revises to delete language prioritizing enforcement on unlicensed out of state retailers and third-party marketers, to delete requirement for referral of unlicensed out of state retailers and third-party marketers to the attorney general, to delete items in the report, and to delete language requiring notice to out of state entities that illegally shipped wine into Michigan. House revises to align report recipients with section 205 and to delete language prioritizing enforcement on unlicensed out of state retailers and third-party marketers.

Sec. 505. Fireworks Safety Inspection Reimbursement Report – DELETED

Requires LARA to submit report providing information on amount of reimbursements to local units of government for delegated inspections of fireworks retail locations pursuant to Michigan Fireworks Safety Act. Executive deletes. House concurs.

Sec. 505. Fees for False Final Inspections by the Bureau of Fire Services – REVISED

Authorizes BFS to assess a fee not to exceed \$200 if BFS responds to multiple confirmed false inspection appointments; requires LARA to identify revenue generated by the fee within the state's accounting system; requires a report pertaining to fee, its effect on BFS costs, and recommendations to legislature. Executive retains. House revises to align report recipients with section 205 and to increase the fee amount to \$1,000.

Sec. 507. Notice of AFC, HFA, and LTC Facility Closure – RETAINED

Requires LARA to serve a facility and notify offices of representing legislators and the subcommittees on MDHHS when an order of suspension is received for a licensed adult foster care home, home for the aged, or nursing home. Executive deletes. House retains.

Sec. 509. Masking Requirement Prohibition – DELETED

Prohibits LARA from enforcing masking requirements for children under 5 years of age and from taking any licensing or administrative action against licensees for not enforcing such a requirement. Executive deletes. House concurs.

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2022-23

Sec. 509. Elevator Inspector Pay – NEW

Expresses legislative intent that at least \$900,000 be allocated for cooperating with the office of the state employer, the relevant collective bargaining unit, and any other stakeholders to increase the compensation rates for elevator inspectors employed by the department. Executive does not include. House includes new language.

Sec. 511. Inspections of Places of Public Assembly – REVISED

Requires BFS to allocate \$228,900 to increase the number of inspections conducted at places of public assembly. Executive revises to eliminate required allocation of \$228,900 and to include a requirement that the BFS cooperate with local governments to perform public assembly inspections at places with the highest risk. House concurs.

Sec. 601. Cannabis Regulatory Agency Programs Report – REVISED

Requires LARA to submit a report on all marijuana programs administered by the CRA, which must include information on application volumes and determinations, timeliness, revenues, expenditures, complaints, investigations, enforcement actions, and other topics. Executive deletes. House revises to align report recipients with section 205 and to strike a reporting requirement regarding the cost of administering each marijuana licensing program.

Sec. 602. Cannabis Regulatory Agency Investigative Reports – REVISED

Requires CRA to post quarterly reports on a publicly accessible website detailing the number of investigative reports identifying suspected illegal or irregular activity, number of reports that identify suspected product without required tracking numbers, number of public complaints regarding product without required tracking numbers, number of public complaints regarding unlicensed commercial production or sale of delta-8 THC, number and outcome of CRA disciplinary proceedings, and number and category of law enforcement agency referrals. Executive deletes. House revises reporting frequency from quarterly to annually.

Sec. 603. Hemp Programs Report – REVISED

Requires LARA to submit a report on all hemp programs administered by the CRA, which must include revenue collected from regulatory and licensing activities, total cost of administering hemp regulatory and licensing programs, number of hemp licensees by county, a description of any fees CRA assesses on hemp licensees, and a list and description of any personnel functions transferred to CRA under EO 2022-1. Executive deletes. House revises to align report recipients with section 205 and to delete reporting requirements related to EO 2022-1.

Sec. 604. CRA Inspection Activities – REVISED

Requires CRA to use at least 5.0 FTEs to conduct in-person no-notice inspections of licensed processors, with priority given to facilities that produce distillate or other concentrates and those producing the most product; requires quarterly reporting on inspection outcomes, public complaints, and disciplinary proceedings; requires a report regarding disciplinary proceedings initiated against a licensee stemming from reports resulting from activities undertaken under the section. Executive deletes. House revises reporting frequency from quarterly to annually.

Sec. 801. MIDC Receipt of Federal Funding – REVISED

Authorizes MIDC to receive and expend up to \$250,000 in federal Byrne grant funding and up to \$300,000 in other federal grant funding, if made available from U.S. Department of Justice. Executive revises to remove \$250,000 and \$300,000 caps. House concurs.

Sec. 803. MIDC Construction Expenses Prohibition – DELETED

Prohibits an MIDC grant from being used by a recipient to support construction expenses for new structures. Executive deletes. House concurs.

Sec. 1001. Bureau of Fire Services – Smoke Detectors – REVISED

Requires BFS to purchase and distribute sealed-battery smoke detectors to Michigan residents and allows BFS to purchase smoke detectors with additional capabilities for individuals with physical or psychological conditions that require an accommodative technology. Executive deletes. House revises to include a report detailing the number of smoke detectors purchased, cost per unit, and a list of the municipalities where the smoke detectors were distributed.

Sec. 1002. Cannabis Market Taxation and Regulatory Compliance Analysis Pilot Program – DELETED

Requires CRA to award a grant to conduct a pilot program to analyze tax reporting, collection, and regulatory compliance within the cannabis market; provides qualifications that must be considered when awarding the grant; requires a report regarding program findings and plans of action. Executive deletes. House concurs.

Sec. 1002. Michigan Saves – REVISED

Allows PSC to award a \$2.5 million grant to a nonprofit green bank to make loans more affordable for families, businesses, and public entities in Michigan; stipulates grant funds may be used for a loan loss reserve fund or similar financial instrument. Executive revises to reflect FY 2023-24 recommended appropriation of \$5.0 million. House concurs.

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2022-23

Sec. 1003. Premanufactured Unit Plan Review Upgrades – NEW

Requires the Bureau of Construction Codes to implement changes to expedite processing and reviews of premanufactured unit plan submissions; requires a report on the changes the BCC implements. Executive does not include. House includes new language.