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SPECIAL ALERT

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The Khoury Johnson and Leavitt team remain informed and engaged during these times of uncertainty. We are in communication with leadership in the executive, legislative and judiciary branches of state government, in addition to locals on a regular basis. Updates will continue every Friday as a mechanism to recap relevant activity from the past week.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS THIS WEEK INCLUDE:

- [Executive Order 2020-131 \(COVID-19\) \(June 24, 2020\)](#)
- [Executive Order 2020-132 \(COVID-19\) \(June 25, 2020\)](#)
- [Executive Order 2020-133 \(COVID-19\) \(June 25, 2020\)](#)

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Legislature Adjourns for Summer Recess:

On Thursday, the legislature adjourned for the summer recess. The House is scheduled to return for session July 22-23, and August 12. The Senate is scheduled to return July 22-23, 28-29 and August 12.

On August 14, a Revenue Estimating Conference is scheduled to reevaluate revenue projections for the upcoming fiscal year. The Governor and legislators are hopeful that as the state has reopened and the 2018 income tax receipts will be available for calculation, revenue projections will improve from the current projected \$3.1 billion deficit for the current fiscal year and another \$3.1 billion FY 2020-2021.

Attached is the candidate listing for the August 2020 primary election for the Michigan House of Representatives. Incumbents are annotated with the number of terms they have served. State Representatives are limited to (3) 2-year terms. Only candidates from the two majorities are listed for the purposes of the primary election.

Candidate Listing Attachment

COVID Supplemental On Governor's Desk

SB 690, supplemental budget bill to appropriate \$880 million in Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) dollars, has landed on the Governor's desk for her signature. CRF dollars were part of a federal stimulus package for states to offset COVID related expenses. The supplemental included:

- \$120 million for a \$2/per hour pay increase to direct care workers
- \$25 million for purchase of personal protection equipment
- \$9 million for food banks
- \$200 million for allocation to local governments
- \$100 million to first responders for a \$1,000 per responder 'bonus' pay
- \$5 million for multi-cultural services
- \$29.1 million for unemployment staff and technology
- \$18 million for school district grants to support instructional recovery programming
- \$60 million for a rental assistance program

The bill was presented to the Governor on June 23rd for her signature.

CLIENT NEWS

Cresco Labs

Michigan regulators have adopted a sweeping set of new rules governing the state's marijuana industry. Many business owners in the industry are welcoming the reduction in red tape.

The most recent changes adopted by Michigan's Marijuana Regulatory Agency, Michigan Cannabis Manufacturers Association could significantly boost the cannabis supply in the state and give licensed businesses a merited advantage over black-market sellers.

The new framework comes as Michigan's cannabis supply, initially crimped by slow licensing and restrictions on the movement of marijuana, begins to catch up with swelling demand and the opening of new dispensaries around the state.

The new agency, created by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer through an executive order is viewed as more efficient and responsive to the needs of the industry.

Rules governing licensing agreements have also been relaxed, opening the door for partnerships with multistate operators carrying popular brand-name products and the ability for owners of multiple dispensaries to move product. The new rules will allow adult-use stores to transfer products back to medical dispensaries, These rules will give companies that own both more flexibility with their inventory. This could also stabilize supply imbalances between the two sectors ,a long-standing source of friction in the industry.

These recent changes are viewed as long overdue in the industry and many are hopeful they will allow for greater success.

Cresco Labs is a Board member of the MCMA.

Client Call With Gov. Gretchen Whitmer

KJL will be facilitating a call with Governor Whitmer for our clients. Andy Leavitt will be moderating the call and there will be an opportunity for some questions. Please RSVP to lauren@kjteam.com and submit your questions by June 29, 11 am.



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