



# JULIAN VAIL, LLC NEWS & NOTES



JUNE 12, 2009



## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### HOUSE

*Energy & Technology*

June 16, 2009

9:00 am

519 House Office Building

Chair: Representative Jeff Mayes

### *Appropriations*

June 17, 2009

11:00 am

352 State Capitol Bldg.

Chair: Representative George Cushingberry

## UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS

### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL INVESTIGATORS

Annual Conference

June 18-20, 2009

Sheraton Nashville

Downtown Hotel

Nashville, TN

*“Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off of your goals.”*

*- Sydney Smith*

## 2009 MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- 1:30 pm - Tuesday, Wednesday June 16-17
- 12:00 pm - Thursday June 18

### SENATE

- 10:00 am - Tuesday-Thursday June 16-18

## State Offices Will Close Six Days This Summer to Accommodate Unpaid Furlough Days for State Employees

*Unpaid furlough days will save state almost \$22 million, help balance state budget*

LANSING - The Department of Management and Budget today announced that most Michigan state government offices will be closed for six days this summer to accommodate the temporary, unpaid furlough of state employees. State offices will be closed on:

Friday, June 19

Monday, July 6

Friday, July 24

Friday, August 7

Friday, August 21

Friday, September 4

The closures will apply to all general offices and services in state government. Public notice of the closures is being provided well in advance so citizens can plan accordingly and avoid inconvenience.

Some state services, including those vital to public health and safety, are not impacted. Services that will be maintained without interruption are Michigan State Police road patrols, correctional facilities, state psychiatric hospitals, veterans homes and youth facilities, emergency human services programs, and the Unemployment Insurance Agency.

Approximately 37,400 state employees will be furloughed for the six days while another 15,500 are exempt to maintain public health and safety services.

## Statement on the Right to Farm and MAEAP Programs

“On May 21, the State Budget Office sent a one-time funding transfer package request to the state legislature transferring \$195,000 to the Right to Farm Program (RTF) and the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP). This one time transfer keeps the programs operational through the end of FY09. The request was approved on June 3.

The RTF Program is a complaint-based response program that works to resolve local disputes resulting from nuisance complaints. It also maintains the highly regarded MAEAP which works with growers pro-actively to address environmental risks in a way that addresses federal and state environmental laws. The future of both programs will be evaluated as part of the 2010 funding process.”

By: James Johnson, Environmental Stewardship Division Director for the MDA

## JV Legislative Update

A bill to reverse unpopular cuts to the Michigan State Police force, horse racing and the Michigan State Fair passed the House Appropriations Committee on Wednesday but got a cool reception from Gov. Jennifer Granholm's office and are unlikely to pass muster with the full House. The supplemental appropriations bill would tap \$1.7 million from a state fund for 911 service for cell phone users to retain 100 Michigan State Police troopers slated for layoff July 1, according to the House Fiscal Agency. Another \$3.3 million from a fund paid by Detroit casinos to cover their state administrative costs would go to restore cuts to horse racing and the state fairs in Detroit and the Upper Peninsula, the agency said. It's unclear when the House will vote on the bill.

Senate Bill 325 introduced by Senator Basham establishes a vehicle tracking statute that prohibits utilizing vehicle tracking unless exempt by certain circumstances. ie; police officers, licensed private detectives, etc. We are following and will update as the bill moves through the process.

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