

June 27, 2025

Senate approves minimum staffing requirement

This week, the Senate approved legislation to require minimum staffing levels be a mandatory subject of collective bargaining between the public employer and the representative of its police and fire department employees. [Senate Bill 319](#), sponsored by Sen. Veronica Klinefelt (D-Eastpointe) and opposed by MTA, would amend the Public Employment Relations Act to require minimum staffing levels be included as a subject of collective bargaining. In addition to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment, minimum staffing would also be subject to arbitration for labor disputes involving public police and fire departments. The bill now moves to the House.



Oversight of water supply systems in mobile home parks approved by Senate

Complaints of unsafe water for waterworks systems of mobile home or seasonal mobile home parks could soon be investigated by the director of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). [Senate Bill 46](#), sponsored by Sen. Jeff Irwin (D-Ann Arbor), passed the Senate this week to allow EGLE to regulate waterworks systems according to state drinking water standards for customer site piping at a mobile home park or seasonal mobile home park. The bill now moves to the House for consideration.

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Committee advances shoreline reinforcement permit changes

Communities with shoreland on the Great Lakes and Lake St. Clair could see changes to the permitting process

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for temporary erosion control measures under legislation approved by the House Natural Resources and Tourism Committee this week. [House Bill 4385](#), sponsored by Rep. Joey Andrews (D-St. Joseph Chtr. Twp.), would exempt soft erosion control measures like sandbags on the Great Lakes and Lake St. Clair from permitting through EGLE. Instead of waiting for permit approval from the department, homeowners could install the structures after filing notice with EGLE. Under the bill, the majority of the structure must be covered by sand, the measures cannot impair walkability of the shore, and homeowners must ensure the sandbags are installed following manufacturer recommendations to preserve dunes. MTA engaged with the bill sponsor to allow existing local ordinances concerning erosion control measures to remain in effect and require homeowners to notify the local government before they begin. The bill would also limit the ability of EGLE to order property owners to remove the structures once a high-water season has passed. The bill was referred to the Rules Committee, where MTA will continue to work with stakeholders to prevent the preemption for townships currently under county zoning that may elect to assume zoning authority at a future date.



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House approves free naloxone distribution to ambulances

Ambulance services could be eligible to receive free naloxone distribution from the state Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) under legislation approved by the House this week. [House Bill 4417](#), sponsored by Rep. Mike Mueller (R-Fenton Chtr. Twp.), would enable DHHS to provide opioid antagonists for free upon request to any life support agencies, including ambulance operations, fire departments and medical aircraft transport operations through the department's free distribution initiatives. The bill moves to the Senate for consideration.

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Webinar for EVs, large-scale solar and battery storage fires in residential areas

Firefighters, building personnel and other emergency response coordinators may [register](#) for the second installment of Clean Energy Group's webinar series. The webinar, on July 8 at 2 p.m., will focus on how first responders can respond to large-scale solar and storage installations as well as electric vehicle (EV) fires. A recording of the previous session, which covered solar and battery fires in residential areas, is now available [online](#).



Treasury releases new and revised Number Letters

The Michigan Department of Treasury's Local Audit and Finance Division (LAFD) guides local governments on accounting and auditing through Numbered Letters. Two new Numbered Letters issue guidance on Public Act 202 of 2017, the Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act ([Numbered Letter 2025-1](#)), and on the Prior Approval Process ([Numbered Letter 2025-2](#)). The LAFD is also in the final process of changing Michigan Committee on Governmental Accounting and Auditing Statements to Numbered Letters. Statements 4 and 10, with revisions including updating to Treasury's current format, ensuring all weblinks are accurate and content updates, are now [Numbered Letter 2002-08, Accounting and Reporting Infrastructure Assets Local Water and Sewer Systems and County Drains](#) and [Numbered Letter 2005-7, Definition of Financial Reporting Entity](#).

MDOT seeking input on state long-range transportation plan

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is accepting public comments through Aug. 15 on its draft [public participation plan](#) (PPP)



for the next [state long-range transportation plan](#). The PPP outlines a roadmap to attract meaningful public engagement on transportation priorities as MDOT updates its 25-year plan for 2050. Comments can be submitted [online](#), by email to MonismaM@Michigan.gov, by phone at 517-657-1453, or by mail to Monica Monsma, MDOT Environmental Services Section, 425 West Ottawa St., PO Box 30050, Lansing, MI 48909.

MTA's July webinar reveals the latest from Lansing

Join MTA July 16 at noon for a *Mid-Year Legislative Update*. In just one hour, MTA's Government Relations team will break down the latest developments from Lansing—including the state budget, road funding, and more—and what they mean for your township. Join live via Zoom on July 16, watch the recording later, or both! [Click here to register online now](#).

Reminders for clerks

- **Online registration changes.** In July, clerks will see an updated voter signature interface in the Qualified Voter File (QVF) and a secure login to improve identify verification processes when registering online. A quick guide will be available in the state Bureau of Elections (BOE) [eLearning Center](#) on July 9.
- **Electronic Requests and Order application training.** On July 8 from 2-4 p.m., the BOE will be conducting training for the Electronic Requests and Order (EOR) application used to submit reimbursement requests and drop box orders. Sign-up and a recording of the session will be available in

[eLearning](#).

- **System maintenance.** Servers for the QVF, early voting electronic pollbook, and all application and information on Michigan.gov/vote will be updated June 28 and 29. No downtime is expected.

Federal updates for week of June 25

Check out the National Association of Towns and Townships [Weekly Legislative Update](#) for the latest on federal actions impact townships.

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