



## SUMMARY OF MICHIGAN SENATE BILL 690

- Passed State House and Senate  
Headed to Governor Whitmer for signature
  
- Sec. 404 – Water Utility Assistance Funds
  - Michigan Department of Health and Human Services creates residential emergency relief program
  - Direct payment to Water Utilities
  - \$25M available to reimburse Water Utilities for:
    - Arrearage forgiveness up to \$700 per customer during state of emergency
    - 25% discount on monthly bills through 12/1/2020
  - Water Utility must agree to:
    - Suspend shut off to eligible customers for 90 days beyond date customer receives assistance
    - Forgive 25% of bill for eligible customers until 12/1/2020
    - No collection or credit score actions
    - Notify customer about program
    - Provide benefits to existing WRAP customers
  - Eligible Customers must be:
    - Eligible for food assistance program
    - Have new arrearages after 3/1/2020 and during state of emergency
  - MDHHS may use community assistance providers to administer program; 4% administrative fee
  - Unused or unallotted funds will not lapse prior to “tentative project completion date” of 12/20/2020