

# The Cope...



## INCMA's Monthly Newsletter

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### GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE

Well underway, **business personal property tax reform** is high on the list of legislators and the Governor this Session. **\*House Bill 1002 (Brown - R, Crawfordsville)** was introduced at the same time Governor Holcomb announced his support for tax reform during the session. Legislators are contemplating how to use a record \$5 billion surplus. The purchase of new machinery and equipment could be enhanced by the phase out of the 30% floor currently in place for the depreciation of such items. The relief will phase in slowly but could be significant. Perhaps \$102 million in taxpayer savings by some estimates. Other bills under consideration would phase out the depreciation floor at various dates. In addition, HB 1002 would repeal the utility receipts tax and utility services tax. The value of this change to taxpayers is perhaps as much as \$220 million per year. INCMA staff have communicated our support for the bill to Ways and Means Chairman Tim Brown and will testify soon. **\*Employer Vaccine Requirements- [HB 1001](#)**

(Lehman, R - Berne) is moving quickly through the process. The bill provides that an employer may not require an



employee to be vaccinated unless certain exemptions are in place. Employees must be able to seek an exemption for religious or medical reasons and agree to testing. The bill will certainly pass the final vote in the House later this week. In general, the business community is opposed to the measure, citing need to make decisions that are best for each employer. Vaccine opponents are not happy with the bill given some support for a ban. **\*Administrative Law - Appeals from actions by agencies would receive a new standard of review under [HB 1063 De Novo Review of Agency Action - \(Jeter, R - Fishers\)](#).** The bill would require a court to review the entire record

on appeal including issues of fact and law. Currently, deference is given to administrative agencies. Agencies would be required to prove the validity of their action at the appeal level. **\*Workshare Unemployment Insurance Program - [HB 1215 \(Hatfield, D - Evansville\)](#)** would establish a work sharing unemployment insurance program. Requires an employer that desires to participate in the program to submit a work sharing plan for approval by the department of workforce development. The work sharing benefit would be equal to the employee's unemployment benefit less the amount of the employee's normal weekly work hours under the approved work sharing plan. INCMA Lobbyists continue to monitor and engage on legislation important to the foundry industry. For questions about current legislation, contact Blake or Patrick directly at 317-695-3746 / [patrick@patrickbennettlaw.com](mailto:patrick@patrickbennettlaw.com) Or go to INCMA's

[tracking page that is updated at least weekly.](#)

### INCMA LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT Feb. 23rd

INCMA will host our 32nd annual Legislative Summit in-person on Feb. 23, 2022, in Indianapolis. Speakers include Brian Rockensuess, newly appointed IDEM Commissioner, Stephanie Salmon, AFS DC Lobbyist, Kevin Brinegar, President of the Indiana Chamber and Brian Bosma, Former Speaker of the House. Mark your calendar or [sponsor/register today by clicking here!](#)

### VOLUNTARY ASSESSMENTS SENT

INCMA distributed our annual voluntary assessments last week outlining a few recent accomplishments and requesting additional financial support for our governmental affairs education efforts. Please review the letter and consider the request. Thank you to all for your ongoing support!

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