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Calculate Your Mandated Electricity Taxes

For months, proponents of Senate Bill 58, the pending energy reform bill, have been raising concerns about the costly state mandates to which all electricity consumers are subject. Now there is a tool to help both residential and commercial customers calculate just how much they pay per month due to the mandates in Ohio's current energy policy.

Ohioans for Sustainable Jobs, which includes a variety of business organizations and labor groups, has developed the [mandate tax calculator](#) to illustrate how much individual businesses are paying on a monthly basis for the energy efficiency and renewable energy mandates that were instituted in 2008. These mandates will continue to increase annually until 2025, yet Ohioans have already paid nearly a billion dollars to comply with the costly law.

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Bill to Reform Business Tax Refund Process Passes Senate

Senate Bill 263, legislation making sure business taxpayers receive refunds to which they are entitled has unanimously passed the Senate, and an identical bill, House Bill 402, is pending a floor vote in the House. The bills would reverse longstanding Ohio Department of Taxation operating practices, implemented before the Kasich administration that harmed Ohio businesses.

The department learned in late 2012 about what seemed to be a standard practice: treating business taxpayers differently than individual taxpayers. Individual taxpayers received their refunds promptly, but business taxpayers had to specifically identify and request that their refunds or overpayments be returned to them. Also, the department had a policy of not informing business taxpayers of overpayments that may have been refundable. If they did not formally request the refund within the statute of limitations - and on the correct form stating the precise amount - they essentially forfeited the money. The relevant business taxes are sales and use taxes, employee withholding, school district income tax and the commercial activity tax.

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2014 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo

The 2014 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo is the largest regional safety and health conference in the nation bringing in more than 6,000 attendees annually. In addition to the 225 exhibitors showcasing their latest safety innovations, products and services, there are 170 educational sessions offered on a variety of the hottest topics in the industry. Sessions are led by experts in their respective fields and all sessions offer continuing education credits. The conference is free to attend.

This year's theme is finding Your Pathway to Safety. Whether you're a human resources professional, construction worker or small business owner, you can customize The Safety Congress and Expo to fit your needs.

The 2014 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo is scheduled for March 25 - 27, 2014 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

The 2014 Ohio Safety Congress will offer practical solutions to:

- Improve worker health and productivity;
- Prevent workforce injuries and illnesses;
- Reduce workers' compensation costs;
- Identify solutions for hazardous situations;
- Provide cost-effective, multi-disciplinary training and professional development

Revised Municipal Tax Bill Released

House Ways & Means Committee Chairman Pete Beck unveiled a substitute version of House Bill 5, the municipal income tax reform legislation that incorporates many of the revisions advocated by the Municipal Tax Reform Coalition that includes many small business groups.

Several more hearings are expected on HB 5 over the course of the next three weeks before it is voted out of committee, with House passage anticipated before Thanksgiving. Business groups believe the new version of the bill is a major step forward in the effort to make our municipal income tax system more uniform and Ohio more competitive for new investment and jobs.

[Read more](#)

Small Employer Mandate Delayed for Second Year

The Obama administration on Monday announced it is delaying the employer mandate under ObamaCare until 2016 for some small businesses.

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This delay in the mandate - the second so far - would only apply to businesses with between 50 and 99 employees, who would have until January 2016 to decide whether to offer insurance to their employees or pay a penalty. Businesses would also be barred from cutting their workers in order to fall under the threshold.

The employer mandate, a cornerstone of the healthcare law, was set to take effect in January, but the administration announced in July that companies would have until January of 2015 to comply.

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2014 Ohio Minimum Wage Increase Reminder

Ohio's Minimum Wage increased to \$7.95/hour on January 1, 2014. Click [here](#) for a State of Ohio 2014 Minimum Wage poster.

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