MPHA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES, 2015-2016

CROSS-CUTTING PRIORITIES


HEALTHY EATING AND ACTIVE LIVING


- **An Act to Support Schools and Communities to Increase Opportunities for Physical Activity** (HD677). *Lead sponsor: Rep. Michlewitz.* Encouraging shared used of school-owned recreational facilities by community groups for physical activity by clarifying liability concerns.


- **An Act to Reduce Childhood Obesity** (HD2998). *Lead sponsor: Rep. Khan.* Requiring physical activity be a part of the school day and providing funds for establishing physical activities in schools by removing the sales tax exemption on candy and soda.

HOUSING AND FAMILY STABILITY


- **An Act Relative to Housing Production** (HD3173). *Lead Sponsor: Rep. Honan.* Providing communities with the tools necessary to meet our state’s housing needs, with a focus on building multi-family, transit-friendly, walkable communities.

ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES


- **An Act Relative to Public Health Volunteer Responders** (HD682). *Lead Sponsor: Rep. Garlick.* Protecting the local public health volunteers who are essential for the provision of public health services during emergencies and throughout the year.

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