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## CPAs COMMENT ON FILING 1972 MICHIGAN INCOME TAX RETURNS

How do the present Michigan income tax laws affect you? The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants offers the following comments on the filing of your 1972 Michigan income tax return.

Michigan income tax forms and instructions are available at local offices of the Michigan Department of Treasury, post offices, banks and tax return preparers.

Basically, you are required to file a 1972 Michigan income tax return if your Federal adjusted gross income is greater than the amount allowed for personal exemptions. Michigan allows \$1200 for each personal exemption claimed. Because of the low income allowance, some taxpayers will not have to file a Federal return but will have to file a Michigan return.

Returns for the calendar year 1972 will be due on or before April 16, 1973. There are special rules for extensions, non-residents, and persons moving into or out of the state. Expert assistance is recommended in these areas.

The changes you find on this year's return include a tax rate of 3.9 per cent for the calendar year 1972 up from 3.14 per cent for the calendar year 1971.

Starting with 1972, individual taxpayers are entitled to a deduction up to \$50 for contributions to political parties or candidates. This deduction

is to be taken on line 38 under other subtraction. Also on line 38, any winnings from the Michigan State lottery, to the extent included in Federal adjusted gross income, should be subtracted in determining income subject to Michigan income tax.

This year you must include with your Michigan return a copy of those Federal schedules which show a loss i.e. a business, farm, rental, capital and other types of losses. Also if you claim any adjustments to income on your Federal return, you must include a copy of the Federal form with your Michigan return. Adjustments to income include sick pay, moving expenses, employee business expense and payments by a self employed person to a retirement fund.

Last year, there were 3 1/2 million Michigan income tax returns filed. Ten percent of these returns received additional attention because of the following omissions: unsigned returns, incomplete address, no indication if over-payment was to be refunded or applied to next year's estimated tax payment, and attaching W-2 forms. Be sure your return is complete in all respects to avoid additional processing.

And finally, the Michigan CPAs advise that you are required to notify the Michigan Department of Treasury, within 60 days, of any changes made to your Federal return as a result of an audit or an amended return.

## TAX REFUND RECIPIENTS: FILE EARLY

An estimated 40 million taxpayers have special reason this year to file their income tax returns well in advance of the April 16 deadline, according to The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

Most of the 40 million are members of families having only one breadwinner, from whom the withholding rates in 1972 caused more taxes to be withheld than were actually owed. Unless such taxpayers made arrangements with their employers to reduce the withholding, they are likely to have substantial refunds coming. The total amount to be refunded is estimated to be about \$7 billion.

This year, after a lapse of four years, those whose tax situation is uncomplicated can again use the simplified short tax return form 1040A, which can be completed in minutes.

"If a person's income is almost entirely salary or wages and his deductible expenses are so few that he will take the standard deduction," said Robert N. DenBraber, President of The Michigan Association of CPAs, "the taxpayer usually should not have any difficulty in filling out the short form tax return himself."

Even easier than using the short form is filing no return whatever. DenBraber noted that recent changes in the tax law have greatly expanded the number of persons in that category. A \$300 increase this year in the low-income allowance plus the increased personal exemption now exempts single persons earning less than \$2,050 and childless married couples earning less than \$2,800 from filing tax returns. If they have refunds coming, however, they will have to file to collect.

The low-income allowance applies not just to poor people but also to the children of more affluent families. A child earning less than \$2,050 can forget about filing a return. And even if he does file, to collect a refund, he can still be taken as a dependent by a parent who provided more than half of his support.

Persons who held two or more jobs simultaneously during the tax year are likely to have overpaid their Social Security taxes, since each employer was required to withhold 5.2 percent of wages on the first \$9,000 paid. Payments of Social Security taxes over \$468 may be taken as a credit against income taxes owed for the year, the CPAs advise.