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## Summary of Changes to Existing Industry Incentives: House Bill 1722

#### • Creates an Existing Industry Withholding Rebate:

- Available to existing manufacturers that have been in the state a minimum of two years.
- o Requires that a minimum of 10 jobs be created within 6 months of approval by MDA. Jobs must be for a minimum of 35 hours per week and must pay a minimum of 100% of the lesser of the state or county average annual salary.
- o Provides for a rebate of actual withholdings (up to 3.5% of salary) for a period of two years. (Cannot be combined with Advantage jobs Rebate.)
- o No new applications can be approved for this program after July 1, 2011.

# • Allows jobs tax credits to be claimed by a new company that purchases an existing company as long as the following requirements are met:

- o The existing company has ceased operations,
- o The existing company has laid off all of its employees, and
- o The existing company is subsequently purchased by another unrelated business entity that continues operation of the enterprise in the same or similar type business.

### • Modifies the Existing Industry Productivity Loan Program as follows:

- o Increase bonding authority for the program by \$48,000,000
- o Loan program is available for the benefit of existing manufacturers that have been in the state a minimum of two years.
- Allow existing industries to use loan proceeds for the purchase or refinancing of land, buildings, and/or equipment.
- o Allow counties or cities to use loan proceeds to assist existing industries in deploying long-term fixed assets through the purchase of land, buildings, and equipment.
- o Industry cannot reduce workforce by more than 20%.
- o The existing industry must submit all requested information for financial review prior to receiving a loan.
- o Loans can be made for up to 20 years, with the interest rate and terms set by MDA.