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Part 3 - Executive Branch Regulations

The state executive branch includes the governor's office and all administrative agencies, those within the purview of the governor. Administrative regulations are rules adopted by state agencies. These public bodies are enabled to make rules regarding their practice areas by legislative enactments and are legally binding.

Michigan Administrative Code - A three volume set of updated regulations. The latest set was compiled in 1979 and is located at *Doc.Cen. K .M62 A3 - Ref.* It is indexed but not annotated. The table of contents is very helpful for navigating the index, which can be difficult to follow. The code is updated by a monthly publication, the Michigan Register, which includes new and proposed rules as well as hearings scheduled regarding those rules. It is located at *Doc.Cen K .M62 A31 - Ref.* Permanent rules are collected in the Michigan Administrative Code Annual Supplement (AACs).

Michigan Administrative Code Online - http://www.michigan.gov/cis/0,1607,7-154-10576_35738---,00.html: The online version of the Code provides searching of the Code by the name of the agency that passed the regulation or by regulation number. It is browseable by either of these characteristics. The Michigan Register and Michigan Annual Administrative Code Supplement are both accessible at this site. This site also provides an explanation of how the rules are enacted and recent and pending rule changes.

The Department of the Attorney General's website, <http://www.michigan.gov/ag/>, contains a wealth of information.

- *Attorney General Opinions* are official statements on behalf of the executive department regarding a position on legal issues. They are advisory, not mandatory, and do not have the force of law. They may, however, serve as persuasive authority for courts. Opinions issued as early as 1963 may be found at this site starting, but there are interruptions in the coverage.
- The Department of the Attorney General also concentrates on consumer matters and provides a great deal of information, including links to statutes and publications regarding consumer protection matters. Complaints requesting Attorney General investigations on consumer protection matters may be submitted through the website.

Executive Orders of the Governor may be located on the Michigan state web page, <http://www.michigan.gov/formergovernors/0,1607,7-212-31303---,00.html>. Executive Orders of Jennifer Granholm may be found at <http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-21975---,00.html>.

Michigan Executive Agencies

An extensive list, arranged in alphabetical order, of state administrative agencies can be found on the Government Documents web page, <http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs>. Some frequently referenced agency materials are below. Many of these have been grouped at the official Michigan web page, <http://www.michigan.gov>.

Department of Civil Rights	http://www.michigan.gov/mdcr	Includes information to file discrimination complaints and civil rights compliance rules.
Dept of Labor and Economic Growth	http://www.michigan.gov/cis	Includes information for making commercial filings such as incorporations, construction and fire safety codes, liquor licensing, and workplace safety rules.
Department of Education	http://www.michigan.gov/mde	Provides resources for parents and educators including available grants and departmental programs.
Dept of Human Services	http://www.michigan.gov/dhs	Provides handbooks for working with FIA, which administers adoption and foster care requirements child support pursuits, and other public benefits administration.
State Police	http://www.michigan.gov/msp	Includes crime statistics, new state Homeland Security Information, fugitive lists, and information for concealed weapon permits.
Department of State	http://www.michigan.gov/sos	Administers drivers' licensing, elections, and notary certification.

Practice Questions

1. What is the substance of Governor Granholm's Executive Order # 3?
2. What Treasury Regulation states the determinants of tax appeals?

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