

HOUSE BILL No. 4553

March 13, 1991, Introduced by Reps. London, Law, Strand,
Willis Bullard and McNutt and referred to the Committee on Agriculture,
Forestry and Minerals.

A bill to enhance and promote the export of Michigan agricultural commodities and products; to create the Michigan farm export loan program; and to prescribe the duties of certain state agencies and officials.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "Michigan farm export act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Department" means the department of agriculture.

5 (b) "Director" means the director of the department of
6 agriculture.

7 (c) "Person" means an individual, corporation, association,
8 partnership, governmental agency, or any other legal entity.

9 (d) "Qualifying financial institution" means a state or
10 national chartered bank, a state or federal chartered credit

1 union, a state or federal chartered savings and loan association,
2 or an institution under the farm credit act of 1971, Public Law
3 92-181, 85 Stat. 583.

4 Sec. 3. The Michigan farm export loan program is created
5 and shall be administered by the department for the purpose of
6 enhancing and promoting the export sale of agricultural commodi-
7 ties and products of the state by making it possible for buyers
8 to purchase on credit terms.

9 Sec. 4. (1) The director shall promote, identify, and
10 facilitate, either directly or through any of the persons listed
11 in section 6, export sale opportunities of agricultural commodi-
12 ties and products of the state.

13 (2) If the director finds that a proposed export sale meets
14 the requirements of this act and the buyer is eligible for a loan
15 from a qualifying financial institution, the director shall
16 notify the state treasurer of the proposed export sale and the
17 state treasurer may invest surplus funds of the state in the
18 lending financial institution to participate in the loan.

19 Sec. 5. A loan under this act shall meet all of the follow-
20 ing requirements:

21 (a) The amount invested by the state is fully guaranteed by
22 an agency or instrumentality of the United States government,
23 including, but not limited to, the federally chartered commodity
24 credit corporation, chapter 704, 62 Stat. 1070, 15 U.S.C. 714 to
25 714p, or a qualifying financial institution.

26 (b) The loan is issued through a qualifying financial
27 institution.

1 (c) The agricultural commodities or products purchased
2 through the loan were produced or processed, in whole or in part,
3 within the state.

4 (d) The terms of the loan would make the sale competitive
5 with the sale of agricultural commodities or products of other
6 states or foreign countries.

7 Sec. 6. An export sale under this act may be identified,
8 proposed, developed, originated, or administered by or through an
9 exporter, importer, agricultural trade association, the United
10 States department of agriculture, a world trade center, the
11 department, a statutorily created agricultural commodity commis-
12 sion, the Michigan export development authority created by sec-
13 tion 3 of the Michigan export development act, Act No. 157 of the
14 Public Acts of 1986, being section 447.153 of the Michigan
15 Compiled Laws, or any other person.

16 Sec. 7. This act shall not take effect unless Senate Bill
17 No. ____ or House Bill No. ____ (request no. 02074'91 a) of the
18 86th Legislature is enacted into law.