

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
87TH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 1993**

Introduced by Senator Smith

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 537

AN ACT to amend sections 2, 8, 9, 11, and 12 of Act No. 106 of the Public Acts of 1985, entitled "An act to impose a state excise tax on persons engaged in the business of providing rooms for dwelling, lodging, or sleeping purposes to transient guests in certain counties; to provide for the levy, assessment, and collection of the tax; to provide for the disposition and appropriation of the collections from the tax; to create a convention facility development fund; to authorize the distributions from the fund; to authorize the use of distributions from the tax as security for any bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness issued to finance convention facilities as provided by law; to prescribe certain other matters relating to bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness issued for such purposes," being sections 207.622, 207.628, 207.629, 207.631, and 207.632 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. Sections 2, 8, 9, 11, and 12 of Act No. 106 of the Public Acts of 1985, being sections 207.622, 207.628, 207.629, 207.631, and 207.632 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. The legislature of this state finds that there exists in this state a continuing need for programs to promote tourism and convention business in order to assist in the prevention of unemployment and the alleviation of the conditions of unemployment, to preserve existing jobs, and to create new jobs to meet the employment demands of population growth. To achieve these purposes, it is necessary to assist and encourage local units of government to acquire, construct, improve, enlarge, renew, replace, repair, furnish, and equip convention facilities and the real property on which they are located and to refinance these activities.

Sec. 8. (1) The collections from the tax imposed by section 4 shall be deposited in the state treasury, to the credit of the convention facility development fund, which is hereby created within the state treasury. Collections from the additional tax on spirits imposed pursuant to the tourism and convention facility promotion tax act, Act No. 107 of the Public Acts of 1985, being sections 436.141 to 436.148 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shall also be deposited to the credit of the convention facility development fund.

(2) The convention facility development fund shall be distributed to local governmental units for use only for 1 or more of the following purposes:

- (a) Acquiring, constructing, improving, enlarging, renewing, replacing, or leasing a convention facility.
- (b) In conjunction with an activity listed in subdivision (a), repairing, furnishing, and equipping the convention facility.
- (c) Refinancing an activity listed in subdivision (a) or (b).

(3) A contract made by a local governmental unit for the purposes included in subsection (2)(a) or (b) concerning a convention facility funded by distributions pursuant to section 9 shall contain a guaranteed maximum price for the total cost of activities conducted for these purposes pursuant to that contract.

Sec. 9. (1) On or before the thirtieth day of each month, the state treasurer shall make a distribution from the convention facility development fund to a qualified local governmental unit. The distribution shall be an amount equal to the sum of the collections from the excise tax levied for accommodations pursuant to this act for the previous month from the convention hotels in the county in which the convention facility is or is to be located and in any county in which convention hotels are located that is contiguous to the county in which the convention facility is located, or is to be located, and the additional liquor tax received pursuant to the tourism and convention facility promotion tax act, Act No. 107 of the Public Acts of 1985, being sections 436.141 to 436.148 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, for the previous month received in the fund. However, distributions for any state fiscal year to any qualified local governmental unit shall not exceed an amount equal to the amount pledged, assigned, or dedicated by the qualified local governmental unit pursuant to section 11 for the payment during that state fiscal year of bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness incurred for the purposes specified in this act, plus any amount necessary to maintain a fully funded debt reserve or other reserves intended to secure the principal and interest on the bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness as contained in the resolution or ordinance authorizing their issuance.

(2) Notwithstanding the distributions provided by subsection (1), if a local governmental unit becomes a qualified local governmental unit entitled to receive distributions from the tax imposed by the tourism and convention facility promotion tax act, Act No. 107 of the Public Acts of 1985, or from the tax imposed by this act in counties in which the convention facility is located or in a county in which a convention hotel is located that is contiguous to the county in which the convention facility is located, no other qualified local governmental unit is entitled to distributions pursuant to this section for which that qualified local governmental unit has previously become entitled.

(3) As used in this act, "qualified local governmental unit" means a city, village, township, county, or authority that is located in a county in which convention hotels are located and that either is the owner or lessee of a convention facility with 350,000 square feet or more of total exhibit space on July 30, 1985 or, if such a convention facility does not exist, will be the owner or lessee of a convention facility with 350,000 square feet or more of total exhibit space through the application of distributions under this section to the purchase or lease of a convention facility.

Sec. 11. (1) Before a local governmental unit may assign or pledge all or a portion of the distribution of taxes that the local governmental unit is eligible to receive under this act for payment of bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness, the local governmental unit shall submit the plans for the proposed project and financing to the state treasurer for approval. The state treasurer shall make findings regarding whether the proposed project is reasonable, whether the revenues and other funds will be sufficient to fund the proposed project and any other projects necessary for the completion of the proposed project, and whether the proposed project and financing comply with this act. The state treasurer shall notify the local governmental unit of the findings and shall approve or disapprove the proposed project within 30 days after submission of the plans for the proposed project and financing. The findings of the state treasurer shall be reviewed by the state administrative board and shall be considered conclusive.

(2) If refunding bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness described in subsection (3) are to be issued pursuant to the municipal finance act, Act No. 202 of the Public Acts of 1943, being sections 131.1 to 139.3 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, subsection (1) does not apply. Instead, the state treasurer shall make findings regarding and approve the refunding bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness pursuant to Act No. 202 of the Public Acts of 1943.

(3) Pursuant to this act or Act No. 202 of the Public Acts of 1943, a local governmental unit may issue refunding bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness to refund all or a portion of the bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness issued for purposes specified in this act if the aggregate present value of the principal and interest to be paid on the refunding bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness will be less than the aggregate present value of the principal and interest to be paid on the bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness being refunded. If refunding bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness are issued, an assignment or pledge of distributions of taxes from the convention facility development fund for the payment of principal or interest on the refunded bonds, obligations, or other evidences shall apply, after the issuance of the refunding bonds, only to the refunding bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness and to any bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness that were not refunded and to which the assignment or pledge previously applied.

(4) A local governmental unit that refunds bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness pursuant to subsection (3) may dedicate distributions of taxes from the convention facility development fund to the payment of principal, interest, or credit support fees or other costs of issuance or of the maintenance of any required reserves for general obligation bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness issued or to be issued for purposes specified in this act but not pursuant to the authority granted in this act or may reimburse itself for such payments from such distributions. However, distributions to a local governmental unit pursuant to this subsection in any state fiscal year shall not exceed the lesser of the following:

(a) Principal, interest, or credit support fees or other costs of issuance or of the maintenance of required reserves payable in the state fiscal year on the bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness to which the distributions are dedicated.

(b) The difference between the amount that would have been distributed to the local governmental unit had it not issued refunding bonds pursuant to subsection (3) and the amount of distribution of taxes to which an assignment or pledge applies under subsection (3).

(5) After September 30, 1999, taxes shall not be distributed from the convention facility development fund pursuant to subsection (4).

(6) If bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness are to be issued for the purposes set forth in section 8(2), for which all or a portion of the distribution of taxes that the local governmental unit is eligible to receive are pledged or assigned as set forth in subsection (1) or subsections (2) and (3), and if as a direct result of the acquiring, constructing, improving, enlarging, renewing, replacing, or in conjunction with these activities, repairing, furnishing, equipping, or leasing of a convention facility financed from the proceeds of the bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness, it is necessary for the state to expend money from the state trunk line fund from the proceeds of bonds issued by this state payable from deposits into the state trunk line fund, or from direct appropriations for the costs of relocating, constructing, or reconstructing highways, roads, streets, or bridges, and costs ancillary thereto, then before the issuance of the bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness, the state treasurer shall determine that the total amount of these costs to be paid from the state trunk line fund, from the proceeds of bonds or notes payable from deposits into the state trunk line fund, or from direct appropriations of this state, excluding any of the cost to be reimbursed to this state by the federal government, any local unit of government or authority or agency thereof, or any other person or entity, shall not exceed 25% of the total cost of the relocation, construction, or reconstruction of highways, roads, streets, and bridges, and costs ancillary thereto, directly resulting from the convention facility project purposes described in section 8(2). For purposes of the validity of the bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness, the determination of the state treasurer is conclusive as to the matters stated in the determination. If after the determination by the state treasurer the total costs of relocating, constructing, and reconstructing highways, roads, streets, and bridges, and costs ancillary thereto, increase, this state shall not expend from the state trunk line fund, from the proceeds from bonds payable from deposits in the state trunk line fund, or from direct appropriations of this state, any additional funds that cause the total expenditure by this state from these sources, after any reimbursement, to exceed 25% of the total cost, as increased, of the relocation, construction, and reconstruction, including ancillary costs. An expenditure by this state in violation of this subsection does not invalidate or otherwise adversely affect any previously issued bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness described in this section or any security therefor.

Sec. 12. (1) Subject to approval pursuant to section 11, a local governmental unit may assign or pledge all or a portion of the distribution of taxes that the local governmental unit is eligible to receive under this act for payment of bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness for the purposes specified in section 8(2). If a local governmental unit assigns, pledges, or, pursuant to section 11(4), dedicates all or a portion of the distribution of taxes that the local governmental unit is eligible to receive under this act for payment of bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness incurred for the purposes specified in this act, the state treasurer may transmit to the duly appointed trustee or trustees for the bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness, if any, the payment of the distribution assigned, pledged, or dedicated by the local governmental unit.

(2) A local governmental unit shall not issue bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness to which distributions under section 9 are pledged in a principal amount greater than \$180,000,000.00. This limit does not apply to refunding bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness issued pursuant to section 11(3) or to bonds, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness to which distributions of taxes from the convention facility development fund are dedicated under section 11(4).

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Secretary of the Senate.

Co-Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Approved -----

Governor.