



HOUSE BILL No. 6069

October 3, 2000, Introduced by Reps. Jacobs, Thomas, Woodward and Clarke and referred to the Committee on Conservation and Outdoor Recreation.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 361, entitled
"Michigan exposition and fairgrounds act,"
by amending sections 6 and 9 (MCL 285.166 and 285.169), as
amended by 2000 PA 39.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 6. (1) ~~The~~ SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (2), THE department
2 shall do all of the following:

3 (a) Conduct an annual state fair and other exhibits or
4 events for the purpose of promoting all phases of the economy of
5 this state. This fair and the exhibits or events shall encourage
6 and demonstrate agricultural, industrial, commercial, and recrea-
7 tional pursuits.

8 (b) Lease the state exposition and fairgrounds, a portion of
9 the state exposition and fairgrounds, or a building on the state
10 exposition and fairgrounds for purposes considered by the

1 department to be consistent with the staging of the state fair
2 and other exhibits or events. The department may determine and
3 impose rental charges and other fees for the use or lease of the
4 buildings and grounds or a portion of the buildings and grounds.
5 The department may lease properties to private and public organi-
6 zations for a period not to exceed 30 years for consideration
7 established by the department. The department may grant leases
8 for all or a portion of the state exposition and fairgrounds to
9 private and public organizations, conditional upon construction
10 and improvements according to plans approved by the department to
11 be financed by the lessees, for terms not to exceed 30 years.
12 The department may grant an extension of the lease term for not
13 more than an additional 20 years. The use of the state exposi-
14 tion and fairgrounds, a portion of the state exposition and fair-
15 grounds, or a building on the state exposition and fairgrounds
16 shall not interfere with the preparation for or holding of the
17 state fair and other exhibits or events. Land, a building, or
18 other property that is leased under this subdivision to a
19 for-profit business shall be leased at fair market value. All
20 leases and contracts entered into under this act remain valid
21 until the expiration of the term of the lease or contract.

22 (c) Enter into contracts to conduct the annual state fair,
23 exhibits, or other events, at the state exposition and fair-
24 grounds that enhance agricultural, industrial, commercial, recre-
25 ational, educational, or cultural pursuits or government services
26 to citizens.

1 (2) WHETHER OR NOT ALLOWED BY LOCAL ZONING, NO PART OF THE
2 STATE EXPOSITION AND FAIRGROUNDS MAY BE USED TO CONDUCT MOTOR
3 VEHICLE RACING.

4 Sec. 9. (1) A state exposition and fairgrounds council is
5 established within the department. The council shall consist of
6 the following members:

7 (a) The director or a designated representative.

8 (b) The director of the department of natural resources or a
9 designated representative.

10 (c) ~~Nine~~ ELEVEN members, not more than ~~5~~ 6 of whom shall
11 be members of the same political party, appointed by the governor
12 by and with the consent of the senate. The term of office of
13 each member in this subdivision shall be 3 years except that, of
14 the members first appointed, 2 shall serve for 1 year, 3 shall
15 serve for 2 years, and 4 shall serve for 3 years. THE 2 MEMBERS
16 OF THE COUNCIL THAT WERE ADDED BY THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED
17 THIS SENTENCE SHALL SERVE FOR 3 YEARS. In case of vacancy, an
18 appointment to fill the vacancy shall be made in the same manner
19 as the original appointment for the unexpired term. Three mem-
20 bers shall be engaged in the agriculture industry, 1 member shall
21 represent labor, 2 members shall represent business, 1 member
22 shall be from the travel industry, 2 MEMBERS SHALL BE LOCAL GOV-
23 ERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT WITH GEOGRAPHIC
24 BOUNDARIES LESS THAN 5 MILES FROM THE STATE EXPOSITION AND
25 FAIRGROUNDS, and 2 members shall be from the general public.
26 (2) Council members shall be paid a per diem compensation
27 and receive reimbursement of expenses.

1 (3) The council shall select a chairperson and other
2 officers from its membership.

3 (4) The director and the director of the department of natu-
4 ral resources shall not serve as officers of the council.

5 (5) The council shall be provided staff assistance by the
6 department to carry out its functions and shall meet not less
7 than 4 times per year.