HOUSE BILL No. 5370

October 31, 2001, Introduced by Reps. Vander Roest, George, Lipsey, Stewart, Kuipers, Schauer, Pappageorge and Mead and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

A bill to amend 1913 PA 380, entitled

"An act to regulate gifts of real and personal property to cities, villages, townships, and counties, and the use of the those gifts; and to validate all such gifts made before the enactment of this act,"

by amending the title and section 2 (MCL 123.872), as amended by 1985 PA 9.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 TITLE
- 2 An act to regulate gifts of real and personal property to
- 3 cities, villages, townships, and counties, and the use of the
- 4 those gifts AND OTHER FUNDS; and to validate all such gifts made
- 5 before the enactment of this act.

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- 6 Sec. 2. (1) To provide a means and method to encourage and
- 7 assist businesses in locating and expanding in this state, and if
- 8 not prohibited by the terms of the grant, a city, village,

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- 1 township, or county may use a federal, state, or local grant or
- 2 the proceeds of a federal, state, or local grant to make a
- 3 secured or unsecured loan or to make a grant to a private person,
- 4 to a corporation or other business association, to a city, vil-
- 5 lage, township, or county, or to an instrumentality of a city,
- 6 village, township, or county. A COUNTY MAY MAKE A GRANT FROM ITS
- 7 GENERAL FUND TO AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION
- 8 UNDER SECTION 501(c)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO
- 9 ESTABLISH A REVOLVING LOAN FUND TO MAKE LOANS TO A PRIVATE
- 10 PERSON, CORPORATION, OR OTHER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PUR-
- 11 POSES DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.
- 12 (2) A loan or grant made pursuant to UNDER subsection (1)
- 13 may be used for local public improvements or to encourage and
- 14 assist businesses in locating or expanding in this state, to pre-
- 15 serve jobs in this state, to encourage investment in the communi-
- 16 ties in this state, or for other public purposes.
- 17 (3) The right to repayment of a loan made under subsection
- 18 (1) may be assigned by a city, village, township, or county to an
- 19 entity, agency, or authority created pursuant to law, or to a
- 20 private corporation or association created to make and administer
- 21 loans made under subsection (1).
- 22 (4) A city, village, township, or county may receive loans
- 23 pursuant to UNDER subsection (1) and issue loan revenue bonds
- 24 secured by the repayment of loans made under subsection (1). For
- 25 the purposes specified in subsection (2), bonds issued pursuant
- 26 to this section shall be approved by the department of treasury
- 27 before their issuance, but shall not otherwise be subject to the

- 1 provisions of the municipal finance act, Act No. 202 of the
- 2 Public Acts of 1943, being sections 131.1 to 139.3 of the
- 3 Michigan Compiled Laws 1943 PA 202, MCL 131.1 TO 139.3. In
- 4 determining whether the issuance of the bonds shall be approved,
- 5 the department of treasury shall take into consideration the
- 6 following:
- 7 (a) Whether the bonds conform to the provisions of law.
- 8 (b) Whether the probable revenue and properties pledged for
- 9 payment of the bonds will be sufficient to pay the principal of
- 10 and interest on the bonds when due.
- 11 (c) Whether the amount of the proposed issue is sufficient
- 12 or excessive for the purpose for which the bonds are to be
- 13 issued.
- 14 (5) The loan revenue bonds shall not be general obligations
- 15 of the city, village, township, or county issuing the loan reve-
- 16 nue bonds. The loan revenue bonds are declared to be issued for
- 17 an essential public and governmental purpose, and, together with
- 18 interest on those bonds and income from those bonds, shall be
- 19 exempted from all taxes.