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Introduced by Senator Bullard

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 1500

AN ACT to amend 1975 PA 228, entitled "An act to provide for the imposition, levy, computation, collection, assessment and enforcement, by lien or otherwise, of taxes on certain commercial, business, and financial activities; to prescribe the manner and times of making certain reports and paying taxes; to prescribe the powers and duties of public officers and state departments; to permit the inspection of records of taxpayers; to provide for interest and penalties on unpaid taxes; to provide exemptions, credits, and refunds; to provide penalties; to provide for the disposition of funds; to provide for the interrelation of this act with other acts; and to provide an appropriation," by amending sections 39b and 39e (MCL 208.39b and 208.39e), section 39b as added by 1996 PA 441 and section 39e as added by 2002 PA 531.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 39b. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) and for tax years that begin after December 31, 1996, a taxpayer that is a business located and conducting business activity within a renaissance zone may claim a credit against the tax imposed by this act for the tax year to the extent and for the duration provided pursuant to the Michigan renaissance zone act, 1996 PA 376, MCL 125.2681 to 125.2696, equal to the tax liability attributable to business activity conducted within a renaissance zone in the tax year or, for tax years that begin on or after January 1, 2003, either of the following:

(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), for a business that first locates and begins conducting business activity within a renaissance zone after November 30, 2002, the lesser of the following:

- (i) The tax liability attributable to business activity conducted within a renaissance zone in the tax year.
- (ii) Ten percent of adjusted services performed in a designated renaissance zone.

(b) For a business that is located and conducting business activity within a renaissance zone before December 1, 2002 or a business that before December 1, 2002 has entered into a purchase agreement or lease agreement for real or personal property to be used for business activity within a renaissance zone, the greater of the following:

- (i) The amount calculated under subdivision (a)(i) or (ii), whichever is less.
- (ii) The lesser of the following:

(A) The amount calculated under subdivision (a)(i).

(B) The credit allowed under this section for the tax year beginning in 2002 plus 2% of the increase in the amount calculated under subsection (9)(a)(i) for the tax year over the amount calculated under subsection (9)(a)(i) for the tax year beginning in 2002.

(2) Any portion of the taxpayer's tax liability that is attributable to illegal activity conducted in the renaissance zone shall not be used to calculate a credit under this section.

(3) The credit allowed under this section continues through the tax year in which the renaissance zone designation expires.

(4) The tax liability used to determine the credit under this section is the taxpayer's tax liability before the calculation of credits provided in sections 37c and 38b and after the calculation of all other credits under this act.

(5) The credit allowed under this section shall not exceed the tax liability of the taxpayer for the tax year.

(6) A taxpayer that claims a credit under this section shall not employ, pay a speaker fee to, or provide any remuneration, compensation, or consideration to any person employed by the state, the state administrative board created in 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.1 to 17.3, or the renaissance zone review board created in 1996 PA 376, MCL 125.2681 to 125.2696, whose employment relates or related in any way to the authorization or enforcement of the credit allowed under this section for any year in which the taxpayer claims a credit under this section and for the 3 years after the last year that a credit is claimed.

(7) To be eligible for the credit allowed under this section, an otherwise qualified taxpayer shall file an annual return under this act.

(8) Any portion of the taxpayer's tax liability that is attributable to business activity related to the operation of a casino, and business activity that is associated or affiliated with the operation of a casino including, but not limited to, the operation of a parking lot, hotel, motel, or retail store, shall not be used to calculate a credit under this section. As used in this subsection, "casino" means a casino regulated by this state pursuant to the Michigan gaming control and revenue act, Initiated Law of 1996, MCL 432.201 to 432.226.

(9) As used in this section:

(a) "Adjusted services performed in a designated renaissance zone" means either of the following:

(i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii), the sum of the taxpayer's payroll for services performed in a designated renaissance zone plus an amount equal to the amount added pursuant to section 9(4)(c) for the tax year for property exempt under section 7ff of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.7ff, in the tax year or, for new property, in the immediately following tax year.

(ii) For a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or individual, the amount determined under subparagraph (i) plus the product of the following as related to the taxpayer if greater than zero:

(A) Business income.

(B) The apportionment factor as determined under chapter 3.

(C) The renaissance zone business activity factor.

(b) "New property" means property that has not been subject to, or exempt from, the collection of taxes under the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, and has not been subject to, or exempt from, ad valorem property taxes levied in another state, except that receiving an exemption as inventory property does not disqualify property.

(c) "Renaissance zone" means that term as defined in 1996 PA 376, MCL 125.2681 to 125.2696.

(d) "Payroll" means total salaries and wages before deducting any personal or dependency exemptions.

(e) "Renaissance zone business activity factor" means a fraction, the numerator of which is the ratio of the average value of the taxpayer's property located in a designated renaissance zone to the average value of the taxpayer's property in this state plus the ratio of the taxpayer's payroll for services performed in a designated renaissance zone to all of the taxpayer's payroll in this state and the denominator of which is 2.

(f) "Tax liability attributable to business activity conducted within a renaissance zone" means the taxpayer's tax liability multiplied by the renaissance zone business activity factor.

Sec. 39e. (1) A taxpayer may claim a credit against the tax imposed by this act for 1 or more of the following as applicable:

(a) The credit allowed under subsection (2).

(b) The credit allowed under subsection (6).

(2) For tax years that begin after December 31, 2002, a taxpayer that is certified under the Michigan next energy authority act, 2002 PA 593, MCL 207.821 to 207.827, as an eligible taxpayer may claim a nonrefundable credit for the tax year equal to the amount determined under subdivision (a) or (b), whichever is less:

(a) The amount by which the taxpayer's tax liability attributable to qualified business activity for the tax year exceeds the taxpayer's baseline tax liability attributable to qualified business activity.

(b) For tax years that begin after December 31, 2002, 10% of the amount by which the taxpayer's adjusted qualified business activity performed in this state outside of a renaissance zone for the tax year exceeds the taxpayer's adjusted qualified business activity performed in this state outside of a renaissance zone for the 2001 tax year.

(3) For any tax year in which the eligible taxpayer's tax liability attributable to qualified business activity for the tax year does not exceed the taxpayer's baseline tax liability attributable to qualified business activity, the eligible taxpayer shall not claim the credit allowed under subsection (2).

(4) An affiliated group as defined in this act, a controlled group of corporations as defined in section 1563 of the internal revenue code and further described in 26 C.F.R. 1.414(b)-1 and 1.414(c)-1 to 1.414(c)-5, or an entity under common control as defined by the internal revenue code shall not take the credit allowed under subsection (2) unless the qualified business activity of the group or entities is consolidated.

(5) A taxpayer that claims a credit under subsection (2) shall attach a copy of each of the following as issued pursuant to the Michigan next energy authority act, 2002 PA 593, MCL 207.821 to 207.827, to the annual return required under this act for each tax year in which the taxpayer claims the credit allowed under subsection (2):

(a) The proof of certification that the taxpayer is an eligible taxpayer for the tax year.

(b) The proof of certification of the taxpayer's tax liability attributable to qualified business activity for the tax year.

(c) The proof of certification of the taxpayer's baseline tax liability attributable to qualified business activity.

(6) For tax years that begin after December 31, 2002, a taxpayer that is a qualified alternative energy entity may claim a credit for the taxpayer's qualified payroll amount. A taxpayer shall claim the credit under this subsection after all allowable nonrefundable credits under this act.

(7) If the credit allowed under subsection (6) exceeds the tax liability of the taxpayer for the tax year, that portion of the credit that exceeds the tax liability shall be refunded.

(8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act and for tax years that begin after December 31, 2002, a person whose apportioned or allocated gross receipts are less than \$350,000.00 for the tax year need not file a return or pay the tax as provided under this act.

(9) As used in this section:

(a) "Adjusted qualified business activity performed in this state outside of a renaissance zone" means either of the following:

(i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii), the taxpayer's payroll for qualified business activity performed in this state outside of a renaissance zone.

(ii) For a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or individual, the amount determined under subparagraph (i) plus the product of the following as related to the taxpayer:

(A) Business income.

(B) The apportionment factor as determined under chapter 3.

(C) The alternative energy business activity factor.

(b) "Alternative energy business activity factor" means a fraction the numerator of which is the ratio of the value of the taxpayer's property used for qualified business activity and located in this state outside of a renaissance zone for the year for which the factor is being calculated to the value of all of the taxpayer's property located in this state for that year plus the ratio of the taxpayer's payroll for qualified business activity performed in this state outside of a renaissance zone for that year to all of the taxpayer's payroll in this state for that year and the denominator of which is 2.

(c) "Alternative energy marine propulsion system", "alternative energy system", "alternative energy vehicle", and "alternative energy technology" mean those terms as defined in the Michigan next energy authority act, 2002 PA 593, MCL 207.821 to 207.827.

(d) "Alternative energy zone" means a renaissance zone designated as an alternative energy zone by the board of the Michigan strategic fund under section 8a of the Michigan renaissance zone act, 1996 PA 376, MCL 125.2688a.

(e) "Baseline tax liability attributable to qualified business activity" means the taxpayer's tax liability for the 2001 tax year multiplied by the taxpayer's alternative energy business activity factor for the 2001 tax year. A taxpayer with a 2001 tax year of less than 12 months shall annualize the amount calculated under this subdivision as necessary to determine baseline tax liability attributable to qualified business activity that reflects a 12-month period.

(f) "Eligible taxpayer" means a taxpayer that has proof of certification of qualified business activity under the Michigan next energy authority act, 2002 PA 593, MCL 207.821 to 207.827.

(g) "Payroll" means total salaries and wages before deducting any personal or dependency exemptions.

(h) "Qualified alternative energy entity" means a taxpayer located in an alternative energy zone.

(i) "Qualified business activity" means research, development, or manufacturing of an alternative energy marine propulsion system, an alternative energy system, an alternative energy vehicle, alternative energy technology, or renewable fuel.

(j) "Qualified employee" means an individual who is employed by a qualified alternative energy entity, whose job responsibilities are related to the research, development, or manufacturing activities of the qualified alternative energy entity, and whose regular place of employment is within an alternative energy zone.

(k) "Qualified payroll amount" means an amount equal to payroll of the qualified alternative energy entity attributable to all qualified employees in the tax year of the qualified alternative energy entity for which the credit under subsection (6) is being claimed, multiplied by the tax rate for that tax year.

(l) "Renaissance zone" means a renaissance zone designated under the Michigan renaissance zone act, 1996 PA 376, MCL 125.2681 to 125.2696.

(m) "Renewable fuel" means 1 or more of the following:

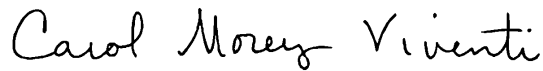
(i) Biodiesel or biodiesel blends containing at least 20% biodiesel. As used in this subparagraph, "biodiesel" means a diesel fuel substitute consisting of methyl or ethyl esters produced from the transesterification of animal or vegetable fats with methanol or ethanol.

(ii) Biomass. As used in this subparagraph, "biomass" means residues from the wood and paper products industries, residues from food production and processing, trees and grasses grown specifically to be used as energy crops, and gaseous fuels produced from solid biomass, animal wastes, municipal waste, or landfills.

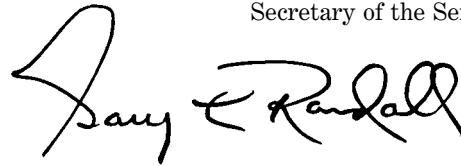
(n) "Tax liability attributable to qualified business activity" means the taxpayer's tax liability multiplied by the taxpayer's alternative energy business activity factor for the tax year.

(o) "Tax rate" means the rate imposed under sections 51, 51d, and 51e of the income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.51, 206.51d, and 206.51e, annualized as necessary, for the tax year in which the qualified alternative energy entity claims a credit under subsection (6).

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Secretary of the Senate.



Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Approved _____

Governor.