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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Introduced by Senator Gilbert

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 1303

AN ACT to amend 1990 PA 100, entitled "An act to permit the imposition, revival, and continued collection by cities of a population of 750,000 or more of a utility users tax; to provide the procedure for, and to require the adoption of a prescribed uniform city utility users tax ordinance by cities desiring to impose and collect such a tax; to limit the rate of such tax; to prescribe the powers and duties of the state commissioner of revenue; and to provide for appeals," by amending section 5 of chapter 1 (MCL 141.1155), as amended by 1998 PA 241.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

CHAPTER 1

Sec. 5. (1) The uniform city utility users tax ordinance does not apply to a person or corporation as to whom or which it is beyond the power of the city to impose the tax provided for in the uniform city utility users tax ordinance.

(2) For tax years beginning after December 31, 1996, a person or corporation, except a casino, is exempt from the tax imposed under this ordinance for public utility services provided in a renaissance zone to the extent and for the duration provided pursuant to the Michigan renaissance zone act, 1996 PA 376, MCL 125.2681 to 125.2696. As used in this subsection, "casino" means a casino or a parking lot, hotel, motel, or retail store owned or operated by a casino, an affiliate, or an affiliated company, regulated by this state pursuant to the Michigan gaming control and revenue act, the Initiated Law of 1996, MCL 432.201 to 432.216.

(3) For tax years beginning after December 31, 2004, a qualified start-up business is exempt from the tax imposed under this ordinance for the 12-month period beginning November 1 for each tax year in which all of the following occur:

(a) The qualified start-up business applies for the exemption as provided in subsection (4).

(b) The governing body of the city adopts a resolution approving the exemption as provided in subsection (5).

(4) A qualified start-up business may claim the exemption under subsection (3) by filing an exemption affidavit claiming the exemption with the treasurer of the city that imposes the tax under this ordinance on a form prescribed by the city. The affidavit under this subsection shall be filed on or before September 1 of each year that a taxpayer claims the exemption under subsection (3) and shall include all of the following:

(a) A statement that the qualified start-up business was eligible for and claimed the credit allowed under section 31a of the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.31a, in the tax year that ended immediately before the November 1 in which the exemption under subsection (3) will be claimed.

(b) A copy of the qualified start-up business's annual return required under the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.1 to 208.145, for the year in which the credit was claimed under section 31a of the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.31a, upon which the exemption under subsection (3) is based.

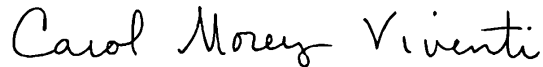
(c) A statement authorizing the department of treasury to release information contained in the qualified start-up business's annual return filed under the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.1 to 208.145, that pertains to the qualified start-up business credit claimed under section 31a of the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.31a, upon which an exemption under subsection (3) is based to the city.

(5) An exemption under subsection (3) is not allowed unless the governing body of the city that collects the tax under this act adopts a resolution approving the exemption. Exemptions under subsection (3) shall be approved at the last official meeting of the governing body of the city in September of each year. The resolution adopted by the governing body of the city may approve the exemption provided in subsection (3) for 1 or more of the qualified start-up businesses that claim the exemption under subsection (3) by filing an affidavit on or before September 1 as provided in subsection (4).

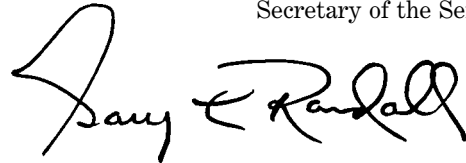
(6) A qualified start-up business shall not receive the exemption under subsection (3) for more than a total of 5 tax years. A qualified start-up business may receive the exemption under subsection (3) in nonconsecutive tax years.

(7) As used in this section, "qualified start-up business" means that term as defined in section 31a of the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.31a.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Secretary of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved _____

Governor