

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4950**

A bill to amend 1996 PA 376, entitled  
"Michigan renaissance zone act,"  
by amending section 3 (MCL 125.2683), as amended by 2006 PA 304.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 3. As used in this act:

2       (a) "Agricultural processing facility" means 1 or more  
3 facilities or operations that transform, package, sort, or grade  
4 livestock or livestock products, agricultural commodities, or  
5 plants or plant products, excluding forest products, into goods  
6 that are used for intermediate or final consumption including goods  
7 for nonfood use, and surrounding property.

8       (b) "Board" means the state administrative board created in  
9 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.1 to 17.3.

1 (c) "Development plan" means a written plan that addresses the  
2 criteria in section 7 and includes all of the following:

3 (i) A map of the proposed renaissance zone that indicates the  
4 geographic boundaries, the total area, and the present use and  
5 conditions generally of the land and structures within those  
6 boundaries.

7 (ii) Evidence of community support and commitment from  
8 residential and business interests.

9 (iii) A description of the methods proposed to increase economic  
10 opportunity and expansion, facilitate infrastructure improvement,  
11 and identify job training opportunities.

12 (iv) Current social, economic, and demographic characteristics  
13 of the proposed renaissance zone and anticipated improvements in  
14 education, health, human services, public safety, and employment if  
15 the renaissance zone is created.

16 (v) Any other information required by the board.

17 (d) "Elected county executive" means the elected county  
18 executive in a county organized under 1966 PA 293, MCL 45.501 to  
19 45.521, or 1973 PA 139, MCL 45.551 to 45.573.

20 (e) "Forest products processing facility" means 1 or more  
21 facilities or operations that transform, package, sort, recycle, or  
22 grade forest or paper products into goods that are used for  
23 intermediate or final use or consumption or for the creation of  
24 biomass or alternative fuels through the utilization of forest  
25 products or forest residue, and surrounding property. Forest  
26 products processing facility does not include an existing facility  
27 or operation that is located in this state that relocates to a

renaissance zone for a forest products processing facility. Forest products processing facility does not include a facility or operation that engages primarily in retail sales.

(f) "Local governmental unit" means a county, city, village, or township.

(g) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, limited liability company, governmental entity, or other legal entity.

(h) "Qualified local governmental unit" means either of the following:

(i) A county.

(ii) A city, village, or township that contains an eligible distressed area as defined in section 11 of the state housing development authority act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1411.

(i) "Recovery zone" means a tool and die renaissance recovery zone created in section 8d.

(j) "Renaissance zone" means a geographic area designated under this act.

(k) "Renewable energy facility" means a ~~system~~ **FACILITY** that creates energy **DIRECTLY OR FUEL** from ~~a process using~~ **THE WIND, THE SUN, TREES, GRASSES, BIOSOLIDS, ALGAE, AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES OR** residues from agricultural ~~products~~ **PROCESSES, WOOD OR forest products** ~~PROCESSES, OR FROM THE~~ paper products ~~industries, and food production and processing; trees and grasses grown specifically to be used as energy crops; and gaseous fuels produced~~ **INDUSTRY.** **RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY ALSO INCLUDES A FACILITY THAT CREATES ENERGY OR FUELS** from solid biomass, **BIOSOLIDS,** animal wastes, or

1 landfills OR MATERIALS CAPTURED FROM LANDFILLS. RENEWABLE ENERGY  
2 FACILITY ALSO INCLUDES A FACILITY THAT FOCUSES ON RESEARCH,  
3 DEVELOPMENT, OR MANUFACTURING OF SYSTEMS OR COMPONENTS OF SYSTEMS  
4 USED TO CREATE ENERGY OR FUEL FROM THE ITEMS DESCRIBED IN THIS  
5 SUBDIVISION AS DETERMINED BY THE STRATEGIC FUND BOARD.

6 (l) "Residential rental property" means that term as defined in  
7 section 7ff of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL  
8 211.7ff.

9 (m) "Review board" means the renaissance zone review board  
10 created in section 5.

11 (n) "Rural area" means an area that lies outside of the  
12 boundaries of an urban area.

13 (o) "Urban area" means an urbanized area as determined by the  
14 economics and statistics administration, United States bureau of  
15 the census according to the 1990 census.