

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5855**

A bill to authorize local units of government to provide free use of local government property for film production.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "local
2 government filming location access act".

3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Film" means single media or multimedia entertainment
5 content for distribution or exhibition to the general public by any
6 means and media in any digital media format, film, or videotape,
7 including, but not limited to, a motion picture, documentary, a
8 television series, a television miniseries, a television special,
9 interstitial television programming, long-form television,
10 interactive television, music videos, interactive games, video

1 games, commercials, internet programming, an internet video, a
2 sound recording, a video, digital animation, or an interactive
3 website.

4 (b) "Local unit of government" means a political subdivision
5 of this state, including, but not limited to, a county, city,
6 village, township, district, local authority, intergovernmental
7 authority, or intergovernmental entity.

8 (c) "Michigan film office" or "film office" means the office
9 created under chapter 2A of the Michigan strategic fund act, 1984
10 PA 270, MCL 125.2029 to 125.2029g.

11 (d) "Obscene matter or an obscene performance" means matter
12 described in 1984 PA 343, MCL 752.361 to 752.374.

13 Sec. 5. (1) Except as provided under subsection (2), a local
14 unit of government may authorize a person engaged in the production
15 of a film in this state to use, without charge, property owned by
16 or under the control of the local unit of government for the
17 purpose of producing a film under the terms and conditions
18 established by the local unit of government. The economic and other
19 benefits to the local unit of government and this state of film
20 production located in the local unit of government or this state
21 shall be considered the value received by the local unit of
22 government and this state in exchange for the use of the property
23 owned by or occupied by the local unit of government under this
24 act.

25 (2) A local unit of government shall not authorize the use of
26 property owned by or under the control of the local unit of
27 government for the production of a film that includes obscene

1 matter or an obscene performance or that requires that individually
2 identifiable records be created and maintained for every performer
3 as provided in 18 USC 2257.

4 (3) A local unit of government shall cooperate with the
5 Michigan film office by providing the film office with information
6 about potential film locations within the local unit of government
7 and the use of property owned by or under the control of the local
8 unit of government.