SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 14

A bill to amend 1855 PA 105, entitled

"An act to regulate the disposition of the surplus funds in the state treasury; to provide for the deposit of surplus funds in certain financial institutions; to lend surplus funds pursuant to loan agreements secured by certain commercial, agricultural, or industrial real and personal property; to authorize the loan of surplus funds to certain municipalities; to authorize the participation in certain loan programs; to authorize an appropriation; and to prescribe the duties of certain state agencies,"

by amending section 2e (MCL 21.142e), as amended by 2004 PA 342.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 2e. (1) The state treasurer may loan not more than
- 2 \$5,000,000.00 in surplus funds, without interest, to sugar beet
- 3 growers' cooperatives for the purpose of purchasing the assets of 1
- 4 or more agricultural processors if all of the following conditions
- **5** are met:

- 1 (a) The agricultural processor employs at least 300 full-time
- 2 employees and 1,000 seasonal employees and is in bankruptcy
- 3 proceedings or was in bankruptcy proceedings at any time during the
- 4 1-year period preceding the date of the loan.
- 5 (b) The loan amount does not exceed 10% of the total purchase
- 6 price of the agricultural processor's assets.
- 7 (c) The loan is for a period not to exceed 5-10 years.
- 8 (2) In addition to the conditions provided in subsection (1),
- 9 the state treasurer may prescribe additional terms of a loan issued
- 10 under this section.
- 11 (3) In the case of a loan executed under subsection (1), the
- 12 state treasurer, as part of the modification of the loan, shall
- 13 subordinate the loan to the primary loan of the sugar beet growers'
- 14 cooperative and shall relinquish any enforcement powers or
- 15 authority that may exist under the current contract or agreement.
- 16 The modification shall be for not more than a \$5,000,000.00 loan to
- 17 a sugar beet growers' cooperative for the purpose of purchasing the
- 18 assets of 1 or more agricultural processors that employ at least
- 19 300 full-time employees and 1,000 seasonal employees. HOWEVER, THE
- 20 MODIFICATION AGREEMENT FOR THE LOAN EXTENSION PROVIDED FOR BY THE
- 21 AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SENTENCE SHALL PROVIDE THAT IF A
- 22 QUARTERLY PAYMENT IS MISSED BY THE BORROWER AFTER FEBRUARY 15,
- 23 2007, THE ENTIRE LOAN IS IN DEFAULT AND IS DUE AND PAYABLE
- 24 IMMEDIATELY, IN FULL.
- 25 (4) As used in this section, "sugar beet growers' cooperative"
- 26 means a farmer owned cooperative comprised of sugar beet growers
- 27 who own the assets of the cooperative and use the cooperative's

1 services or processing equipment.