

HOUSE BILL No. 4709

May 3, 2007, Introduced by Reps. Pavlov, Acciavatti, Hildenbrand, Huizenga and Garfield
and referred to the Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life.

A bill to amend 1996 PA 376, entitled
"Michigan renaissance zone act,"
by amending section 8a (MCL 125.2688a), as amended by 2006 PA 476.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 8a. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2), (3), and
2 (4), the board shall not designate more than 9 additional
3 renaissance zones within this state under this section. Not more
4 than 6 of the renaissance zones shall be located in urban areas and
5 not more than 5 of the renaissance zones shall be located in rural
6 areas. For purposes of determining whether a renaissance zone is
7 located in an urban area or rural area under this section, if any
8 part of a renaissance zone is located within an urban area, the
9 entire renaissance zone shall be considered to be located in an
10 urban area.

11 (2) The board of the Michigan strategic fund described in

1 section 4 of the Michigan strategic fund act, 1984 PA 270, MCL
2 125.2004, may designate not more than ~~13~~**14** additional renaissance
3 zones within this state in 1 or more cities, villages, or townships
4 if that city, village, or township or combination of cities,
5 villages, or townships consents to the creation of a renaissance
6 zone within their boundaries. The board of the Michigan strategic
7 fund may designate not more than 1 of the ~~13~~**14** additional
8 renaissance zones described in this subsection as an alternative
9 energy zone. An alternative energy zone shall promote and increase
10 the research, development, testing, and manufacturing of
11 alternative energy technology, alternative energy systems, and
12 alternative energy vehicles, as those terms are defined in the
13 Michigan next energy authority act, 2002 PA 593, MCL 207.821 to
14 207.827. An alternative energy zone shall have a duration of
15 renaissance zone status for a period not to exceed 20 years as
16 determined by the board of the Michigan strategic fund. Not later
17 than April 16, 2004, the board of the Michigan strategic fund may
18 designate not more than 1 of the ~~13~~**14** additional renaissance zones
19 described in this subsection as a pharmaceutical renaissance zone.
20 A pharmaceutical renaissance zone shall promote and increase the
21 research, development, and manufacturing of pharmaceutical products
22 of an eligible pharmaceutical company. The board of the Michigan
23 strategic fund may designate not more than 8 of the additional ~~13~~
24 **14** renaissance zones described in this subsection as a
25 redevelopment renaissance zone. A redevelopment renaissance zone
26 shall promote the redevelopment of existing industrial facilities
27 or the development of property for industrial purposes. Before

1 designating a renaissance zone under this subsection, the board of
2 the Michigan strategic fund may enter into a development agreement
3 with the city, township, or village in which the renaissance zone
4 will be located and the owner or developer of the facility or
5 property located in the renaissance zone. The development agreement
6 for a redevelopment renaissance zone described only in subsection
7 (6) (b) (vi) or (vii) may provide for the payment of 1 or more of the
8 taxes described in section 9. **THE BOARD OF THE MICHIGAN STRATEGIC**
9 **FUND MAY DESIGNATE 1 OF THE 14 ADDITIONAL RENAISSANCE ZONES**
10 **DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION AS A BORDER CROSSING ZONE. A BORDER**
11 **CROSSING ZONE SHALL BE LOCATED IN A CITY WITH A POPULATION OF MORE**
12 **THAN 30,000 AND LESS THAN 36,000 THAT CONTAINS AN INTERNATIONAL**
13 **BORDER CROSSING OR A TOWNSHIP THAT ADJOINS A CITY WITH A POPULATION**
14 **OF MORE THAN 30,000 AND LESS THAN 36,000 THAT CONTAINS AN**
15 **INTERNATIONAL BORDER CROSSING, OR BOTH. A BORDER CROSSING ZONE**
16 **SHALL HAVE A DURATION OF RENAISSANCE ZONE STATUS FOR A PERIOD NOT**
17 **TO EXCEED 20 YEARS AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF THE MICHIGAN**
18 **STRATEGIC FUND. THE BORDER CROSSING ZONE MAY CONTAIN UP TO 5**
19 **DISTINCT GEOGRAPHIC AREAS IN THE CITY AND TOWNSHIP AS DETERMINED BY**
20 **THE BOARD OF THE MICHIGAN STRATEGIC FUND.**

21 (3) In addition to the not more than 9 additional renaissance
22 zones described in subsection (1), the board may designate
23 additional renaissance zones within this state in 1 or more
24 qualified local governmental units if that qualified local
25 governmental unit or units contain a military installation that was
26 operated by the United States department of defense and was closed
27 in 1977 or after 1990.

1 (4) Land owned by a county or the qualified local governmental
2 unit or units adjacent to a zone as described in subsection (3) may
3 be included in this zone.

4 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, property
5 located in the alternative energy zone that is classified as
6 commercial real property under section 34c of the general property
7 tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.34c, and that the authority, with the
8 concurrence of the assessor of the local tax collecting unit,
9 determines is not used to directly promote and increase the
10 research, development, testing, and manufacturing of alternative
11 energy technology, alternative energy systems, and alternative
12 energy vehicles as those terms are defined in the Michigan next
13 energy authority act, 2002 PA 593, MCL 207.821 to 207.827, is not
14 eligible for any exemption, deduction, or credit under section 9.

15 (6) As used in this section:

16 (a) "Eligible pharmaceutical company" means a company that
17 meets all of the following criteria:

18 (i) Is engaged primarily in manufacturing, research and
19 development, and sale of pharmaceuticals.

20 (ii) Has not less than 8,499 employees located in this state,
21 all of whom are located within a 100-mile radius of each other.

22 (iii) Of the total number of employees located in this state,
23 has not less than 4,800 engaged primarily in research and
24 development of pharmaceuticals.

25 (b) "Redevelopment renaissance zone" means a renaissance zone
26 that meets 1 of the following:

27 (i) All of the following:

1 (A) Is located in a city with a population of more than 7,500
2 and less than 8,500 and is located in a county with a population of
3 more than 60,000 and less than 70,000.

4 (B) Contains only all or a portion of an industrial site of
5 200 or more acres.

6 (ii) All of the following:

7 (A) Is located in a city with a population of more than 13,000
8 and less than 14,000 and is located in a county with a population
9 of more than 1,000,000 and less than 1,300,000.

10 (B) Contains only all or a portion of an industrial site of
11 300 or more contiguous acres.

12 (iii) All of the following:

13 (A) Is located in a township with a population of more than
14 5,500 and is located in a county with a population of less than
15 24,000.

16 (B) Contains only all or a portion of an industrial site of
17 more than 850 acres and has railroad access.

18 (iv) All of the following:

19 (A) Is located in a city with a population of more than 40,000
20 and less than 44,000 and is located in a county with a population
21 of more than 81,000 and less than 87,000.

22 (B) Contains only all or a portion of an industrial site of
23 more than 475 acres.

24 (v) All of the following:

25 (A) Is located in a city with a population of more than 21,000
26 and less than 26,000 and is located in a county with a population
27 of more than 573,000 and less than 625,000.

1 (B) Contains only all or a portion of an industrial site of
2 less than 45 acres in size.

3 (vi) All of the following:

4 (A) Is located in a city with a population of more than
5 190,000 and less than 250,000 and is located in a county with a
6 population of more than 573,000 and less than 625,000.

7 (B) Contains only all or a portion of an industrial site of
8 more than 14 acres and less than 16 acres in size.

9 (C) Is approved by the board of the Michigan strategic fund on
10 or before April 1, 2007.

11 (vii) All of the following:

12 (A) Is located in a city with a population of more than 35,500
13 and less than 36,800 and is located in a county with a population
14 of more than 157,000 and less than 162,000.

15 (B) Contains only all or a portion of an industrial site
16 comprised of 1 or more adjacent parcels totaling 5 or more acres.

17 (C) Is approved by the board of the Michigan strategic fund on
18 or before April 1, 2007.

19 (viii) All of the following:

20 (A) Is located in a city with a population of more than 40,000
21 and less than 44,000 and is located in a county with a population
22 of more than 81,000 and less than 87,000.

23 (B) Contains only all or a portion of an industrial site
24 composed of 1 or more adjacent parcels totaling 100 or more acres.

25 (C) Is approved by the board of the Michigan strategic fund on
26 or before April 1, 2008.