

# HOUSE BILL No. 4950

June 19, 2007, Introduced by Reps. Dean, Bennett, Accavitti, Byrnes, Cheeks, Scott, Espinoza, Polidori, Miller, Clack, Hood, Virgil Smith, Lemmons and Gillard and referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

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

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

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

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

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

11 (i) A county.

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

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

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

19 (k) "Renewable energy facility" means a system that creates  
20 energy from **WIND, SOLAR ENERGY, OR** a process using residues from  
21 agricultural products, forest products, paper products industries,  
22 and food production and processing; trees and grasses grown  
23 specifically to be used as energy crops; and gaseous fuels produced  
24 from solid biomass, animal wastes, or landfills. **RENEWABLE ENERGY**  
25 **FACILITY ALSO INCLUDES A FACILITY FOCUSED ON RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT,**  
26 **OR MANUFACTURING OF WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS OR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS.**

27 (l) "Residential rental property" means that term as defined in

1 section 7ff of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL  
2 211.7ff.

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

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

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