

HOUSE BILL No. 5555

October 27, 2009, Introduced by Rep. Clemente 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 3 (MCL 125.2683), as amended by 2008 PA 217.

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 facility that creates
20 energy directly or fuel from the wind, the sun, trees, grasses,
21 biosolids, algae, agricultural commodities, processed products from
22 agricultural commodities, or residues from agricultural processes,
23 wood or forest processes, food production and processing, or the
24 paper products industry. Renewable energy facility also includes a
25 facility that creates energy or fuels from solid biomass, animal
26 wastes, or landfill gases. Renewable energy facility also includes
27 a facility that focuses on research, development, or manufacturing

1 of systems or components of systems used to create energy or fuel
2 from the items described in this subdivision. **RENEWABLE ENERGY**
3 **FACILITY ALSO INCLUDES A FACILITY THAT FOCUSES ON RESEARCH,**
4 **DEVELOPMENT, OR MANUFACTURING OF SYSTEMS OR COMPONENTS OF SYSTEMS**
5 **THAT INVOLVE THE CONVERSION OF CHEMICAL ENERGY FOR ADVANCED BATTERY**
6 **TECHNOLOGY.**

7 (l) "Residential rental property" means that term as defined in
8 section 7ff of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL
9 211.7ff.

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

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

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