

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5555

A bill to amend 1996 PA 376, entitled  
"Michigan renaissance zone act,"  
by amending section 3 (MCL 125.2683), as amended by 2010 PA 5.

**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) "Border crossing facility" means a business that is 1 or  
2 more of the following as determined by the board of the Michigan  
3 strategic fund:

4 (i) That was located in a qualified border local governmental  
5 unit as defined in section 8g and was displaced or otherwise  
6 negatively affected by the development of the international border  
7 crossing and is unable to recover from the displacement or negative  
8 effect without the establishment of a renaissance zone.

9 (ii) That is associated with international trade, shipping, or  
10 freight hauling, including, but not limited to, all of the  
11 following:

12 (A) Customs brokers.

13 (B) Distribution centers.

14 (C) Truck supply and repair.

15 (d) "Development plan" means a written plan that addresses the  
16 criteria in section 7 and includes all of the following:

17 (i) A map of the proposed renaissance zone that indicates the  
18 geographic boundaries, the total area, and the present use and  
19 conditions generally of the land and structures within those  
20 boundaries.

21 (ii) Evidence of community support and commitment from  
22 residential and business interests.

23 (iii) A description of the methods proposed to increase economic  
24 opportunity and expansion, facilitate infrastructure improvement,  
25 and identify job training opportunities.

26 (iv) Current social, economic, and demographic characteristics  
27 of the proposed renaissance zone and anticipated improvements in

1 education, health, human services, public safety, and employment if  
2 the renaissance zone is created.

3 (v) Any other information required by the board.

4 (e) "Elected county executive" means the elected county  
5 executive in a county organized under 1966 PA 293, MCL 45.501 to  
6 45.521, or 1973 PA 139, MCL 45.551 to 45.573.

7 (f) "Forest products processing facility" means 1 or more  
8 facilities or operations that transform, package, sort, recycle, or  
9 grade forest or paper products into goods that are used for  
10 intermediate or final use or consumption or for the creation of  
11 biomass or alternative fuels through the utilization of forest  
12 products or forest residue, and surrounding property. Forest  
13 products processing facility does not include an existing facility  
14 or operation that is located in this state that relocates to a  
15 renaissance zone for a forest products processing facility. Forest  
16 products processing facility does not include a facility or  
17 operation that engages primarily in retail sales.

18 (g) "Local governmental unit" means a county, city, village,  
19 or township.

20 (h) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,  
21 association, limited liability company, governmental entity, or  
22 other legal entity.

23 (i) "Qualified local governmental unit" means either of the  
24 following:

25 (i) A county.

26 (ii) A city, village, or township that contains an eligible  
27 distressed area as defined in section 11 of the state housing

1 development authority act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1411.

2 (j) "Recovery zone" means a tool and die renaissance recovery  
3 zone created in section 8d.

4 (k) "Renaissance zone" means a geographic area designated  
5 under this act.

6 (l) "Renewable energy facility" means a facility that creates  
7 energy, **FUELS, OR CHEMICALS** directly ~~or fuel~~ from the wind, the  
8 sun, trees, grasses, biosolids, algae, agricultural commodities,  
9 processed products from agricultural commodities, or residues from  
10 agricultural processes, wood or forest processes, food production  
11 and processing, or the paper products industry. Renewable energy  
12 facility also includes a facility that creates energy, ~~or fuels~~, **OR**  
13 **CHEMICALS** from solid biomass, animal wastes, or landfill gases.  
14 Renewable energy facility also includes a facility that focuses on  
15 research, development, or manufacturing of systems or components of  
16 systems used to create energy, ~~or fuel~~, **OR CHEMICALS** from the items  
17 described in this subdivision. **RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY ALSO**  
18 **INCLUDES A FACILITY THAT FOCUSES ON RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, OR**  
19 **MANUFACTURING OF SYSTEMS OR COMPONENTS OF SYSTEMS THAT INVOLVE THE**  
20 **CONVERSION OF CHEMICAL ENERGY FOR ADVANCED BATTERY TECHNOLOGY.**

21 (m) "Residential rental property" means that term as defined  
22 in section 7ff of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL  
23 211.7ff.

24 (n) "Review board" means the renaissance zone review board  
25 created in section 5.

26 (o) "Rural area" means an area that lies outside of the  
27 boundaries of an urban area.

1           (p) "Urban area" means an urbanized area as determined by the  
2 economics and statistics administration, United States bureau of  
3 the census according to the 1990 census.