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SENATE BILL No. 1060

September 7, 2016, Introduced by Senator ZORN and referred to the Committee on Economic Development and International Investment.

A bill to amend 2006 PA 110, entitled

"Michigan zoning enabling act,"

by amending section 208 (MCL 125.3208), as amended by 2010 PA 330.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 208. (1) If the use of a dwelling, building, or structure

or of the land is lawful at the time of enactment of a zoning ordinance or an amendment to a zoning ordinance, then that use may be continued although the use does not conform to the zoning ordinance or amendment. This SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (5) TO (7), THIS subsection is intended to codify the law as it existed before July 1, 2006 in section 16(1) of the former county zoning act, 1943 PA 183, section 16(1) of the former township zoning act, 1943 PA 184, and section 3a(1) of the former city and village zoning act, 1921 PA 207, as they applied to counties, townships, and cities and

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- 1 villages, respectively, and shall be construed as a continuation of
- 2 those laws and not as a new enactment.
- 3 (2) The SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (5), THE legislative body may
- 4 provide in a zoning ordinance for the completion, resumption,
- 5 restoration, reconstruction, extension, or substitution of
- 6 nonconforming uses or structures upon terms and conditions provided
- 7 in the zoning ordinance. In establishing terms for the completion,
- 8 resumption, restoration, reconstruction, extension, or substitution
- 9 of nonconforming uses or structures, different classes of
- 10 nonconforming uses may be established in the zoning ordinance with
- 11 different requirements applicable to each class.
- 12 (3) The legislative body may acquire, by purchase,
- 13 condemnation, or otherwise, private property or an interest in
- 14 private property for the removal of nonconforming uses and
- 15 structures. The legislative body may provide that the cost and
- 16 expense of acquiring private property may be paid from general
- 17 funds or assessed to a special district in accordance with the
- 18 applicable statutory provisions relating to the creation and
- 19 operation of special assessment districts for public improvements
- 20 in local units of government. Property acquired under this
- 21 subsection by a city or village shall not be used for public
- 22 housing.
- 23 (4) The elimination of the nonconforming uses and structures
- 24 in a zoning district is declared to be for a public purpose and for
- 25 a public use. The SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (5), THE legislative body
- 26 may institute proceedings for condemnation of nonconforming uses
- 27 and structures under 1911 PA 149, MCL 213.21 to 213.25.

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- 1 (5) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (6), THE OWNER OF A
- 2 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY USED FOR A NONCONFORMING RESIDENTIAL RENTAL
- 3 USE OR OF A NONCONFORMING RESIDENTIAL RENTAL STRUCTURE MAY DO ANY
- 4 OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 5 (A) MAKE ANY IMPROVEMENTS OR ADDITIONS TO THE NONCONFORMING
- 6 RESIDENTIAL RENTAL USE OR NONCONFORMING RESIDENTIAL RENTAL
- 7 STRUCTURE.
- 8 (B) COMPLETE, RESUME, RESTORE, RECONSTRUCT, REMODEL,
- 9 RECONFIGURE, EXTEND, OR ENLARGE THE NONCONFORMING RESIDENTIAL
- 10 RENTAL USE OR NONCONFORMING RESIDENTIAL RENTAL STRUCTURE.
- 11 (6) SUBSECTION (5) DOES NOT AUTHORIZE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 12 (A) AN INCREASE IN THE MAXIMUM LEGAL OR LICENSED OCCUPANCY OF
- 13 A RESIDENTIAL RENTAL STRUCTURE.
- 14 (B) AN INCREASE IN THE FOOTPRINT OR HEIGHT OF A RESIDENTIAL
- 15 RENTAL STRUCTURE UNLESS THE INCREASE COMPLIES WITH THE EXISTING
- 16 ZONING REGULATIONS THAT APPLY TO THE LOCATION OR THE OWNER OBTAINS
- 17 A VARIANCE AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE.
- 18 (7) IN EVALUATING AN APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE FOR A
- 19 NONCONFORMING RESIDENTIAL RENTAL STRUCTURE OR NONCONFORMING
- 20 RESIDENTIAL RENTAL USE, A LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT SHALL USE THE
- 21 SAME STANDARDS THAT APPLY TO CONFORMING RESIDENTIAL RENTAL
- 22 STRUCTURES OR CONFORMING RESIDENTIAL RENTAL USES.
- 23 (8) A LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT SHALL NOT, BECAUSE A
- 24 RESIDENTIAL RENTAL STRUCTURE OR RESIDENTIAL RENTAL USE IS
- 25 NONCONFORMING, REVOKE OR ALTER A RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LICENSE, RENTAL
- 26 CERTIFICATE, OR APPROVAL FOR OR REDUCE THE EXISTING MAXIMUM LEGAL
- 27 OR LICENSED OCCUPANCY OF THE RESIDENTIAL RENTAL STRUCTURE OR

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- 1 RESIDENTIAL RENTAL USE.
- 2 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
- 3 after the date it is enacted into law.