

HOUSE BILL NO. 4085

February 13, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Posthumus and Robinson and referred to Committee on Communications and Technology.

A bill to amend 2006 PA 110, entitled
"Michigan zoning enabling act,"
(MCL 125.3101 to 125.3702) by adding section 515.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 515. (1) In an industrial zone, digital asset mining is a
2 permitted use of property and not subject to special land use or
3 conditional use approval.

4 (2) A local unit of government shall not set a specific limit
5 on decibels generated from a digital mining business other than any
6 applicable general limits set for sound pollution that apply to

1 industrial zones.

2 (3) A local unit of government shall not impose any zoning
3 restriction, requirement, or imposition on a digital asset mining
4 business that is not a restriction, requirement, or imposition for
5 a data center located in the same zoning district.

6 (4) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Blockchain" means data that is both of the following:

8 (i) Shared across a network to create a ledger of verified
9 transactions or information among network participants linked using
10 cryptography to maintain the integrity of the ledger and to execute
11 other functions.

12 (ii) Distributed among network participants in an automated
13 fashion to concurrently update network participants on the state of
14 the ledger and any other functions.

15 (b) "Blockchain protocol" means any executable software
16 deployed to a blockchain composed of a source code that is publicly
17 available and accessible, including a smart contract or any network
18 of smart contracts.

19 (c) "Data center" means a building or premises in which the
20 majority of the use of the building or premises is occupied by
21 computers, telecommunications, or related equipment, including, but
22 not limited to, supporting equipment, where digital information is
23 processed, transferred, and stored.

24 (d) "Digital asset mining" means using electricity to power a
25 computer or node for the purpose of securing a blockchain.

26 (e) "Digital asset mining business" means a group of computers
27 working together that consume more than 1 megawatt of energy for
28 the purpose of securing a blockchain protocol.

29 (f) "Node" means a computational device that contains and

1 updates a copy of a blockchain.