

MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE ZONE ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 376 of 1996

125.2683 Definitions.

Sec. 3. As used in this act:

(a) "Agricultural processing facility" means 1 or more facilities or operations that transform, package, sort, or grade livestock or livestock products, agricultural commodities, or plants or plant products, excluding forest products, into goods that are used for intermediate or final consumption, including goods for nonfood use, and surrounding property.

(b) "Board" means the state administrative board created in 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.1 to 17.3.

(c) "Board of the Michigan strategic fund" means the board of directors of the Michigan strategic fund.

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

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

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

(A) Customs brokers.

(B) Distribution centers.

(C) Truck supply and repair.

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

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

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

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

(iv) Current social, economic, and demographic characteristics of the proposed renaissance zone and anticipated improvements in education, health, human services, public safety, and employment if the renaissance zone is created.

(v) Any other information required by the board.

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

(g) "Eligible next Michigan business" means any of the following:

(i) A business engaged in the shipment of tangible personal property via multimodal commerce.

(ii) A supply chain business providing a majority of its services to businesses engaged in the shipment of tangible personal property, including inventory, via multimodal commerce.

(iii) A manufacturing or assembly facility receiving a majority of its production components via multimodal commerce.

(iv) A manufacturing or assembly facility shipping a majority of products via multimodal commerce.

(v) A light manufacturing or assembly facility that packages, kits, labels, or customizes products and ships those products via multimodal commerce.

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

(i) "Local governmental unit" means a county, city, village, township, or, for taxes levied after 2009, any other taxing jurisdiction that levies an ad valorem property tax.

(j) "Michigan strategic fund" means the Michigan strategic fund created under the Michigan strategic fund act, 1984 PA 270, MCL 125.2001 to 125.2094.

(k) "Multimodal commerce" means the movement of products or services via 2 or more of the following:

(i) Air.

(ii) Road.

(iii) Rail.

(iv) Water.

(l) "Next Michigan development corporation" means that term as defined in section 3 of the next Michigan development act, 2010 PA 275, MCL 125.2953.

(m) "Next Michigan development district" means that term as defined in section 3 of the next Michigan development act, 2010 PA 275, MCL 125.2953.

(n) "Next Michigan renaissance zone" means a renaissance zone created under section 8h.

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

(p) "Qualified eligible next Michigan business" means an eligible next Michigan business that has been certified in accordance with section 8h.

(q) "Qualified local governmental unit" means either of the following:

(i) A county.

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

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

(s) "Renaissance zone" means a geographic area designated under this act.

(t) "Renewable energy facility" means a facility that creates energy, fuels, or chemicals directly from the wind, the sun, trees, grasses, biosolids, algae, agricultural commodities, processed products from agricultural commodities, or residues from agricultural processes, wood or forest processes, food production and processing, or the paper products industry. Renewable energy facility also includes a facility that creates energy, fuels, or chemicals from solid biomass, animal wastes, or landfill gases. Renewable energy facility also includes a facility that focuses on research, development, or manufacturing of systems or components of systems used to create energy, fuel, or chemicals from the items described in this subdivision. Renewable energy facility also includes a facility that focuses on research, development, or manufacturing of systems or components of systems that involve the conversion of chemical energy for advanced battery technology.

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

(v) "Review board" means the renaissance zone review board created in section 5.

(w) "Rural area" means an area that lies outside of the boundaries of an urban area.

(x) "Urban area" means an urbanized area as determined by the Economics and Statistics Administration, United States Bureau of the Census according to the 1990 census.

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Compiler's note: For transfer of Michigan strategic fund from department of management and budget to department of labor and economic growth, see E.R.O. No. 2003-1, compiled at MCL 445.2011.