

# SENATE BILL No. 934

November 29, 2007, Introduced by Senator HUNTER and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to amend 1990 PA 100, entitled  
"City utility users tax act,"  
by amending section 5 (MCL 141.1155), as amended by 2004 PA 322.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 5. (1) The uniform city utility users tax ordinance does  
2 not apply to a person or corporation as to whom or which it is  
3 beyond the power of the city to impose the tax provided for in the  
4 uniform city utility users tax ordinance.

5           (2) For tax years beginning after December 31, 1996, a person  
6 or corporation, except a casino, is exempt from the tax imposed  
7 under this ordinance for public utility services provided in a  
8 renaissance zone to the extent and for the duration provided  
9 pursuant to the Michigan renaissance zone act, 1996 PA 376, MCL

1 125.2681 to 125.2696. As used in this subsection, "casino" means a  
2 casino or a parking lot, hotel, motel, or retail store owned or  
3 operated by a casino, an affiliate, or an affiliated company,  
4 regulated by this state pursuant to the Michigan gaming control and  
5 revenue act, ~~the Initiated Law of 1996~~ **1996 IL 1**, MCL 432.201 to  
6 ~~432.216~~ **432.226**.

7 (3) For tax years beginning after December 31, 2004, a  
8 qualified start-up business is exempt from the tax imposed under  
9 this ordinance for the 12-month period beginning November 1 for  
10 each tax year in which all of the following occur:

11 (a) The qualified start-up business applies for the exemption  
12 as provided in subsection (4).

13 (b) The governing body of the city adopts a resolution  
14 approving the exemption as provided in subsection (5).

15 (4) A qualified start-up business may claim the exemption  
16 under subsection (3) by filing an exemption affidavit claiming the  
17 exemption with the treasurer of the city that imposes the tax under  
18 this ordinance on a form prescribed by the city. The affidavit  
19 under this subsection shall be filed on or before September 1 of  
20 each year that a taxpayer claims the exemption under subsection (3)  
21 and shall include all of the following:

22 (a) A statement that the qualified start-up business was  
23 eligible for and claimed the credit allowed under section 31a of  
24 the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.31a, **OR SECTION**  
25 **415 OF THE MICHIGAN BUSINESS TAX ACT, 2007 PA 36, MCL 208.1415**, in  
26 the tax year that ended immediately before the November 1 in which  
27 the exemption under subsection (3) will be claimed.

1 (b) A copy of the qualified start-up business's annual return  
2 required under the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.1  
3 to 208.145, **OR THE MICHIGAN BUSINESS TAX ACT, 2007 PA 36, MCL**  
4 **208.1101 TO 208.1601**, for the year in which the credit was claimed  
5 under section 31a of the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL  
6 208.31a, **OR SECTION 415 OF THE MICHIGAN BUSINESS TAX ACT, 2007 PA**  
7 **36, MCL 208.1415**, upon which the exemption under subsection (3) is  
8 based.

9 (c) A statement authorizing the department of treasury to  
10 release information contained in the qualified start-up business's  
11 annual return filed under the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228,  
12 MCL 208.1 to 208.145, **OR THE MICHIGAN BUSINESS TAX ACT, 2007 PA 36,**  
13 **MCL 208.1101 TO 208.1601**, that pertains to the qualified start-up  
14 business credit claimed under section 31a of the single business  
15 tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.31a, **OR SECTION 415 OF THE MICHIGAN**  
16 **BUSINESS TAX ACT, 2007 PA 36, MCL 208.1415**, upon which an exemption  
17 under subsection (3) is based to the city.

18 (5) An exemption under subsection (3) is not allowed unless  
19 the governing body of the city that collects the tax under this act  
20 adopts a resolution approving the exemption. Exemptions under  
21 subsection (3) shall be approved at the last official meeting of  
22 the governing body of the city in September of each year. The  
23 resolution adopted by the governing body of the city may approve  
24 the exemption provided in subsection (3) for 1 or more of the  
25 qualified start-up businesses that claim the exemption under  
26 subsection (3) by filing an affidavit on or before September 1 as  
27 provided in subsection (4).

1           (6) A qualified start-up business shall not receive the  
2 exemption under subsection (3) for more than a total of 5 tax  
3 years. A qualified start-up business may receive the exemption  
4 under subsection (3) in nonconsecutive tax years.

5           (7) As used in this section, "qualified start-up business"  
6 means that term as defined in section 31a of the single business  
7 tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.31a, **OR SECTION 415 OF THE MICHIGAN**  
8 **BUSINESS TAX ACT, 2007 PA 36, MCL 208.1415.**