

SENATE BILL No. 126

January 28, 2009, Introduced by Senator ALLEN and referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1974 PA 198, entitled

"An act to provide for the establishment of plant rehabilitation districts and industrial development districts in local governmental units; to provide for the exemption from certain taxes; to levy and collect a specific tax upon the owners of certain facilities; to impose and provide for the disposition of an administrative fee; to provide for the disposition of the tax; to provide for the obtaining and transferring of an exemption certificate and to prescribe the contents of those certificates; to prescribe the powers and duties of the state tax commission and certain officers of local governmental units; and to provide penalties,"

by amending section 2 (MCL 207.552), as amended by 2008 PA 457.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2. (1) "Commission" means the state tax commission
2 created by 1927 PA 360, MCL 209.101 to 209.107.

3 (2) "Facility" means either a replacement facility, a new
4 facility, or, if applicable by its usage, a speculative building.

1 (3) "Replacement facility" means 1 of the following:

2 (a) In the case of a replacement or restoration that occurs on
3 the same or contiguous land as that which is replaced or restored,
4 industrial property that is or is to be acquired, constructed,
5 altered, or installed for the purpose of replacement or restoration
6 of obsolete industrial property together with any part of the old
7 altered property that remains for use as industrial property after
8 the replacement, restoration, or alteration.

9 (b) In the case of construction on vacant noncontiguous land,
10 property that is or will be used as industrial property that is or
11 is to be acquired, constructed, transferred, or installed for the
12 purpose of being substituted for obsolete industrial property if
13 the obsolete industrial property is situated in a plant
14 rehabilitation district in the same city, village, or township as
15 the land on which the facility is or is to be constructed and
16 includes the obsolete industrial property itself until the time as
17 the substituted facility is completed.

18 (4) "New facility" means new industrial property other than a
19 replacement facility to be built in a plant rehabilitation district
20 or industrial development district.

21 (5) "Local governmental unit" means a city, village, or
22 township located in this state.

23 (6) "Industrial property" means land improvements, buildings,
24 structures, and other real property, and machinery, equipment,
25 furniture, and fixtures or any part or accessory whether completed
26 or in the process of construction comprising an integrated whole,
27 the primary purpose and use of which is the engaging in a high-

1 technology activity, operation of a strategic response center,
2 operation of a motorsports entertainment complex, operation of a
3 logistical optimization center, operation of qualified commercial
4 activity, operation of a major distribution and logistics facility,
5 the manufacture of goods or materials, creation or synthesis of
6 biodiesel fuel, or the processing of goods and materials by
7 physical or chemical change; property acquired, constructed,
8 altered, or installed due to the passage of proposal A in 1976; the
9 operation of a hydro-electric dam by a private company other than a
10 public utility; or agricultural processing facilities. Industrial
11 property includes facilities related to a manufacturing operation
12 under the same ownership, including, but not limited to, office,
13 engineering, research and development, warehousing, or parts
14 distribution facilities. Industrial property also includes research
15 and development laboratories of companies other than those
16 companies that manufacture the products developed from their
17 research activities and research development laboratories of a
18 manufacturing company that are unrelated to the products of the
19 company. For applications approved by the legislative body of a
20 local governmental unit between June 30, 1999 and December 31, ~~2007~~
21 **2013**, industrial property also includes an electric generating
22 plant that is not owned by a local unit of government, including,
23 but not limited to, an electric generating plant fueled by biomass.
24 Industrial property also includes convention and trade centers in
25 which construction begins not later than December 31, 2010 and is
26 over 250,000 square feet in size or, if located in a county with a
27 population of more than 750,000 and less than 1,100,000, is over

1 100,000 square feet in size or, if located in a county with a
2 population of more than 26,000 and less than 28,000, is over 30,000
3 square feet in size. Industrial property also includes a federal
4 reserve bank operating under 12 USC 341, located in a city with a
5 population of 750,000 or more. Industrial property may be owned or
6 leased. However, in the case of leased property, the lessee is
7 liable for payment of ad valorem property taxes and shall furnish
8 proof of that liability. Industrial property does not include any
9 of the following:

10 (a) Land.

11 (b) Property of a public utility other than an electric
12 generating plant that is not owned by a local unit of government
13 and for which an application was approved by the legislative body
14 of a local governmental unit between June 30, 1999 and December 31,
15 ~~2007~~—2013.

16 (c) Inventory.

17 (7) "Obsolete industrial property" means industrial property
18 the condition of which is substantially less than an economically
19 efficient functional condition.

20 (8) "Economically efficient functional condition" means a
21 state or condition of property the desirability and usefulness of
22 which is not impaired due to changes in design, construction,
23 technology, or improved production processes, or from external
24 influencing factors that make the property less desirable and
25 valuable for continued use.

26 (9) "Research and development laboratories" means building and
27 structures, including the machinery, equipment, furniture, and

1 fixtures located in the building or structure, used or to be used
2 for research or experimental purposes that would be considered
3 qualified research as that term is used in section 41 of the
4 internal revenue code, 26 USC 41, except that qualified research
5 also includes qualified research funded by grant, contract, or
6 otherwise by another person or governmental entity.

7 (10) "Manufacture of goods or materials" or "processing of
8 goods or materials" means any type of operation that would be
9 conducted by an entity included in the classifications provided by
10 sector 31-33 – manufacturing, of the North American industry
11 classification system, United States, 1997, published by the office
12 of management and budget, regardless of whether the entity
13 conducting that operation is included in that manual.

14 (11) "High-technology activity" means that term as defined in
15 section 3 of the Michigan economic growth authority act, 1995 PA
16 24, MCL 207.803.

17 (12) "Logistical optimization center" means a sorting and
18 distribution center that supports a private passenger motor vehicle
19 assembly center and its manufacturing process for the purpose of
20 optimizing transportation, just-in-time inventory management, and
21 material handling, and to which all of the following apply:

22 (a) The sorting and distribution center is within 2 miles of a
23 private passenger motor vehicle assembly center that, together with
24 supporting facilities, contains at least 800,000 square feet.

25 (b) The sorting and distribution center contains at least
26 950,000 square feet.

27 (c) The sorting and distribution center has applied for an

1 industrial facilities exemption certificate after June 30, 2005 and
2 before January 1, 2006.

3 (d) The private passenger motor vehicle assembly center is
4 located on land conditionally transferred by a township with a
5 population of more than 25,000 under 1984 PA 425, MCL 124.21 to
6 124.30, to a city with a population of more than 100,000 that
7 levies an income tax under the city income tax act, 1964 PA 284,
8 MCL 141.501 to 141.787.

9 (13) "Commercial property" means that term as defined in
10 section 2 of the obsolete property rehabilitation act, 2000 PA 146,
11 MCL 125.2782.

12 (14) "Qualified commercial activity" means commercial property
13 that meets all of the following:

14 (a) An application for an exemption certificate approved by
15 the local governmental unit is filed for approval by the state tax
16 commission not later than April 30, 2006.

17 (b) At least 90% of the property, excluding the surrounding
18 green space, is used for warehousing, distribution, and logistics
19 purposes that provide food for institutional, restaurant, hospital,
20 or hotel customers.

21 (c) Is located within a village and is within 15 miles of a
22 Michigan state border.

23 (d) Occupies 1 or more buildings or structures that together
24 are greater than 300,000 square feet in size.

25 (15) "Motorsports entertainment complex" means a closed-course
26 motorsports facility, and its ancillary grounds and facilities,
27 that satisfies all of the following:

1 (a) Has at least 70,000 fixed seats for race patrons.

2 (b) Has at least 6 scheduled days of motorsports events each
3 calendar year, at least 2 of which shall be comparable to nascar
4 nextel cup events held in 2007 or their successor events.

5 (c) Serves food and beverages at the facility during
6 sanctioned events each calendar year through concession outlets, a
7 majority of which are staffed by individuals who represent or are
8 members of 1 or more nonprofit civic or charitable organizations
9 that directly financially benefit from the concession outlets'
10 sales.

11 (d) Engages in tourism promotion.

12 (e) Has permanent exhibitions of motorsports history, events,
13 or vehicles.

14 (16) "Major distribution and logistics facility" means a
15 proposed distribution center that meets all of the following:

16 (a) Contains at least 250,000 square feet.

17 (b) Has or will have an assessed value of \$5,000,000.00 or
18 more for the real property.

19 (c) Is located within 35 miles of the border of this state.

20 (d) Has as its purpose the distribution of inventory and
21 materials to facilities owned by the taxpayer whose primary
22 business is the retail sale of sporting goods and related
23 inventory.