

# HOUSE BILL No. 5990

April 25, 2006, Introduced by Rep. Hildenbrand and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

A bill to amend 1996 PA 381, entitled "Brownfield redevelopment financing act," by amending section 2 (MCL 125.2652), as amended by 2006 PA 32.

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

- 1       Sec. 2. As used in this act:
- 2       (a) "Additional response activities" means response activities
- 3 identified as part of a brownfield plan that are in addition to
- 4 baseline environmental assessment activities and due care
- 5 activities for an eligible property.
- 6       (b) "Authority" means a brownfield redevelopment authority
- 7 created under this act.
- 8       (c) "Baseline environmental assessment" means that term as
- 9 defined in section 20101 of the natural resources and environmental

1 protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20101.

2 (d) "Baseline environmental assessment activities" means those  
3 response activities identified as part of a brownfield plan that  
4 are necessary to complete a baseline environmental assessment for  
5 an eligible property in the brownfield plan.

6 (e) "Blighted" means property that meets any of the following  
7 criteria:

8 (i) Has been declared a public nuisance in accordance with a  
9 local housing, building, plumbing, fire, or other related code or  
10 ordinance.

11 (ii) Is an attractive nuisance to children because of physical  
12 condition, use, or occupancy.

13 (iii) Is a fire hazard or is otherwise dangerous to the safety  
14 of persons or property.

15 (iv) Has had the utilities, plumbing, heating, or sewerage  
16 permanently disconnected, destroyed, removed, or rendered  
17 ineffective so that the property is unfit for its intended use.

18 (v) Is tax reverted property owned by a qualified local  
19 governmental unit, by a county, or by this state. The sale, lease,  
20 or transfer of tax reverted property by a qualified local  
21 governmental unit, county, or this state after the property's  
22 inclusion in a brownfield plan shall not result in the loss to the  
23 property of the status as blighted property for purposes of this  
24 act.

25 (vi) Is property owned or under the control of a land bank fast  
26 track authority under the land bank fast track act, whether or not  
27 located within a qualified local governmental unit. Property

1 included within a brownfield plan prior to the date it meets the  
2 requirements of this subdivision to be eligible property shall be  
3 considered to become eligible property as of the date the property  
4 is determined to have been or becomes qualified as, or is combined  
5 with, other eligible property. The sale, lease, or transfer of the  
6 property by a land bank fast track authority after the property's  
7 inclusion in a brownfield plan shall not result in the loss to the  
8 property of the status as blighted property for purposes of this  
9 act.

10 (f) "Board" means the governing body of an authority.

11 (g) "Brownfield plan" means a plan that meets the requirements  
12 of section 13 and is adopted under section 14.

13 (h) "Captured taxable value" means the amount in 1 year by  
14 which the current taxable value of an eligible property subject to  
15 a brownfield plan, including the taxable value or assessed value,  
16 as appropriate, of the property for which specific taxes are paid  
17 in lieu of property taxes, exceeds the initial taxable value of  
18 that eligible property. The state tax commission shall prescribe  
19 the method for calculating captured taxable value.

20 (i) "Chief executive officer" means the mayor of a city, the  
21 village manager of a village, the township supervisor of a  
22 township, or the county executive of a county or, if the county  
23 does not have an elected county executive, the chairperson of the  
24 county board of commissioners.

25 (j) "Department" means the department of environmental  
26 quality.

27 (k) "Due care activities" means those response activities

1 identified as part of a brownfield plan that are necessary to allow  
2 the owner or operator of an eligible property in the plan to comply  
3 with the requirements of section 20107a of the natural resources  
4 and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20107a.

5 (l) "Economic opportunity zone" means 1 or more parcels of  
6 property that meet all of the following:

7 (i) That together are 40 or more acres in size.

8 (ii) That contain a manufacturing facility that consists of  
9 500,000 or more square feet.

10 (iii) That are located in a municipality that has a population  
11 of 30,000 or less and that is contiguous to a qualified local  
12 governmental unit.

13 (m) "Eligible activities" or "eligible activity" does not  
14 include activities related to multisource commercial hazardous  
15 waste disposal wells as that term is defined in section 62506a of  
16 the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA  
17 451, MCL 324.62506a, but means 1 or more of the following:

18 (i) Baseline environmental assessment activities.

19 (ii) Due care activities.

20 (iii) Additional response activities.

21 (iv) For eligible activities on eligible property that was used  
22 or is currently used for commercial, industrial, or residential  
23 purposes that is in a qualified local governmental unit, that is  
24 owned or under the control of a land bank fast track authority, or  
25 that is located in an economic opportunity zone, and is a facility,  
26 functionally obsolete, or blighted, and except for purposes of  
27 section 38d of the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL

1 208.38d, the following additional activities:

2 (A) Infrastructure improvements that directly benefit eligible  
3 property.

4 (B) Demolition of structures that is not response activity  
5 under section 20101 of the natural resources and environmental  
6 protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20101.

7 (C) Lead or asbestos abatement.

8 (D) Site preparation that is not response activity under  
9 section 20101 of the natural resources and environmental protection  
10 act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20101.

11 (E) Assistance to a land bank fast track authority in clearing  
12 or quieting title to, or selling or otherwise conveying, property  
13 owned or under the control of a land bank fast track authority.

14 (v) Relocation of public buildings or operations for economic  
15 development purposes with prior approval of the Michigan economic  
16 development authority.

17 (vi) For eligible activities on eligible property that is a  
18 qualified facility that is not located in a qualified local  
19 governmental unit and that is a facility, functionally obsolete, or  
20 blighted, the following additional activities:

21 (A) Infrastructure improvements that directly benefit eligible  
22 property.

23 (B) Demolition of structures that is not response activity  
24 under section 20101 of the natural resources and environmental  
25 protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20101.

26 (C) Lead or asbestos abatement.

27 (D) Site preparation that is not response activity under

1 section 20101 of the natural resources and environmental protection  
2 act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20101.

3 (n) "Eligible property" means property for which eligible  
4 activities are identified under a brownfield plan that was used or  
5 is currently used for commercial, industrial, or residential  
6 purposes that is ~~either~~ in a qualified local governmental unit  
7 and is a facility, functionally obsolete, or blighted, ~~or is not~~  
8 ~~in a qualified local governmental unit and is a facility,~~ and  
9 includes parcels that are adjacent or contiguous to that property  
10 if the development of the adjacent and contiguous parcels is  
11 estimated to increase the captured taxable value of that property  
12 or tax reverted property owned or under the control of a land bank  
13 fast track authority. Eligible property includes, to the extent  
14 included in the brownfield plan, personal property located on the  
15 property. Eligible property does not include qualified agricultural  
16 property exempt under section 7ee of the general property tax act,  
17 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.7ee, from the tax levied by a local school  
18 district for school operating purposes to the extent provided under  
19 section 1211 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1211.

20 (o) "Facility" means that term as defined in section 20101 of  
21 the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA  
22 451, MCL 324.20101.

23 (p) "Fiscal year" means the fiscal year of the authority.

24 (q) "Functionally obsolete" means that the property is unable  
25 to be used to adequately perform the function for which it was  
26 intended due to a substantial loss in value resulting from factors  
27 such as overcapacity, changes in technology, deficiencies or

1 superadequacies in design, or other similar factors that affect the  
2 property itself or the property's relationship with other  
3 surrounding property.

4 (r) "Governing body" means the elected body having legislative  
5 powers of a municipality creating an authority under this act.

6 (s) "Infrastructure improvements" means a street, road,  
7 sidewalk, parking facility, pedestrian mall, alley, bridge, sewer,  
8 sewage treatment plant, property designed to reduce, eliminate, or  
9 prevent the spread of identified soil or groundwater contamination,  
10 drainage system, waterway, waterline, water storage facility, rail  
11 line, utility line or pipeline, or other similar or related  
12 structure or improvement, together with necessary easements for the  
13 structure or improvement, owned or used by a public agency or  
14 functionally connected to similar or supporting property owned or  
15 used by a public agency, or designed and dedicated to use by, for  
16 the benefit of, or for the protection of the health, welfare, or  
17 safety of the public generally, whether or not used by a single  
18 business entity, provided that any road, street, or bridge shall be  
19 continuously open to public access and that other property shall be  
20 located in public easements or rights-of-way and sized to  
21 accommodate reasonably foreseeable development of eligible property  
22 in adjoining areas.

23 (t) "Initial taxable value" means the taxable value of an  
24 eligible property identified in and subject to a brownfield plan at  
25 the time the resolution adding that eligible property in the  
26 brownfield plan is adopted, as shown either by the most recent  
27 assessment roll for which equalization has been completed at the

1 time the resolution is adopted or, if provided by the brownfield  
2 plan, by the next assessment roll for which equalization will be  
3 completed following the date the resolution adding that eligible  
4 property in the brownfield plan is adopted. Property exempt from  
5 taxation at the time the initial taxable value is determined shall  
6 be included with the initial taxable value of zero. Property for  
7 which a specific tax is paid in lieu of property tax shall not be  
8 considered exempt from taxation. The state tax commission shall  
9 prescribe the method for calculating the initial taxable value of  
10 property for which a specific tax was paid in lieu of property tax.

11 (u) "Land bank fast track authority" means an authority  
12 created under the land bank fast track act, 2003 PA 258, MCL  
13 124.751 to 124.774.

14 (v) "Local taxes" means all taxes levied other than taxes  
15 levied for school operating purposes.

16 (w) "Municipality" means all of the following:

17 (i) A city.

18 (ii) A village.

19 (iii) A township in those areas of the township that are outside  
20 of a village.

21 (iv) A township in those areas of the township that are in a  
22 village upon the concurrence by resolution of the village in which  
23 the zone would be located.

24 (v) A county.

25 (x) "Owned or under the control of" means that a land bank  
26 fast track authority has 1 or more of the following:

27 (i) An ownership interest in the property.



1 (ii) A tax lien on the property.

2 (iii) A tax deed to the property.

3 (iv) A contract with this state or a political subdivision of  
4 this state to enforce a lien on the property.

5 (v) A right to collect delinquent taxes, penalties, or  
6 interest on the property.

7 (vi) The ability to exercise its authority over the property.

8 (y) "Qualified facility" means a landfill facility area of 140  
9 or more contiguous acres that is located in a city and that  
10 contains a landfill, a material recycling facility, and an asphalt  
11 plant that are no longer in operation.

12 (z) "Qualified local governmental unit" means ~~that term as~~  
13 ~~defined in the obsolete property rehabilitation act, 2000 PA 146,~~  
14 ~~MCL 125.2781 to 125.2797~~ **A CITY, VILLAGE, OR TOWNSHIP.**

15 (aa) "Qualified taxpayer" means that term as defined in  
16 sections 38d and 38g of the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228,  
17 MCL 208.38d and 208.38g.

18 (bb) "Remedial action plan" means a plan that meets both of  
19 the following requirements:

20 (i) Is a remedial action plan as that term is defined in  
21 section 20101 of the natural resources and environmental protection  
22 act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20101.

23 (ii) Describes each individual activity to be conducted to  
24 complete eligible activities and the associated costs of each  
25 individual activity.

26 (cc) "Response activity" means that term as defined in section  
27 20101 of the natural resources and environmental protection act,

1 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20101.

2 (dd) "Specific taxes" means a tax levied under 1974 PA 198,  
3 MCL 207.551 to 207.572; the commercial redevelopment act, 1978 PA  
4 255, MCL 207.651 to 207.668; the enterprise zone act, 1985 PA 224,  
5 MCL 125.2101 to 125.2123; 1953 PA 189, MCL 211.181 to 211.182; the  
6 technology park development act, 1984 PA 385, MCL 207.701 to  
7 207.718; the obsolete property rehabilitation act, 2000 PA 146, MCL  
8 125.2781 to 125.2797; the neighborhood enterprise zone act, 1992 PA  
9 147, MCL 207.771 to 207.786; or that portion of the tax levied  
10 under the tax reverted clean title act, 2003 PA 260, MCL 211.1021  
11 to 211.1026, that is not required to be distributed to a land bank  
12 fast track authority.

13 (ee) "Tax increment revenues" means the amount of ad valorem  
14 property taxes and specific taxes attributable to the application  
15 of the levy of all taxing jurisdictions upon the captured taxable  
16 value of each parcel of eligible property subject to a brownfield  
17 plan and personal property located on that property. Tax increment  
18 revenues exclude ad valorem property taxes specifically levied for  
19 the payment of principal of and interest on either obligations  
20 approved by the electors or obligations pledging the unlimited  
21 taxing power of the local governmental unit, and specific taxes  
22 attributable to those ad valorem property taxes. Tax increment  
23 revenues attributable to eligible property also exclude the amount  
24 of ad valorem property taxes or specific taxes captured by a  
25 downtown development authority, tax increment finance authority, or  
26 local development finance authority if those taxes were captured by  
27 these other authorities on the date that eligible property became

1 subject to a brownfield plan under this act.

2 (ff) "Taxable value" means the value determined under section  
3 27a of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.27a.

4 (gg) "Taxes levied for school operating purposes" means all of  
5 the following:

6 (i) The taxes levied by a local school district for operating  
7 purposes.

8 (ii) The taxes levied under the state education tax act, 1993  
9 PA 331, MCL 211.901 to 211.906.

10 (iii) That portion of specific taxes attributable to taxes  
11 described under subparagraphs (i) and (ii).

12 (hh) "Work plan" means a plan that describes each individual  
13 activity to be conducted to complete eligible activities and the  
14 associated costs of each individual activity.

15 (ii) "Zone" means, for an authority established before June 6,  
16 2000, a brownfield redevelopment zone designated under this act.