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Introduced by Reps. Hanley, Thomas, Hale, Wojno, Mans and Cassis

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5859

AN ACT to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of rights and interests, including leasehold interests, in property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes levied; making such taxes a lien on the property taxed, establishing and continuing the lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of property delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the state and not redeemed or purchased; to provide for the establishment of a delinquent tax revolving fund and the borrowing of money by counties and the issuance of notes; to define and limit the jurisdiction of the courts in proceedings in connection therewith; to limit the time within which actions may be brought; to prescribe certain limitations with respect to rates of taxation; to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain officers, departments, agencies, and political subdivisions of this state; to provide for certain reimbursements of certain expenses incurred by units of local government; to provide penalties for the violation of this act; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," by amending section 7ff (MCL 211.7ff), as amended by 1998 PA 18.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 7ff. (1) For taxes levied after 1996, except as otherwise provided in subsections (2) and (3) and except as limited in subsections (4), (5), and (6), real property in a renaissance zone and personal property located in a renaissance zone is exempt from taxes collected under this act to the extent and for the duration provided pursuant to the Michigan renaissance zone act, 1996 PA 376, MCL 125.2681 to 125.2696.

(2) Real and personal property in a renaissance zone is not exempt from collection of the following:

- (a) A special assessment levied by the local tax collecting unit in which the property is located.
- (b) Ad valorem property taxes specifically levied for the payment of principal and interest of obligations approved by the electors or obligations pledging the unlimited taxing power of the local governmental unit.
- (c) A tax levied under section 705, 1211c, or 1212 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.705, 380.1211c, and 380.1212.

(3) Real property in a renaissance zone on which a casino is operated and personal property of a casino located in a renaissance zone is not exempt from the collection of taxes under this act. As used in this subsection, "casino" means a casino regulated by this state pursuant to the Michigan gaming control and revenue act, Initiated Law of 1996, MCL 432.201 to 432.226, and all property associated or affiliated with the operation of a casino, including, but not limited to, a parking lot, hotel, motel, or retail store.

(4) For residential rental property in a renaissance zone, the exemption provided under this section is only available if that residential rental property is in substantial compliance with all applicable state and local zoning, building, and housing laws, ordinances, or codes and the property owner files an affidavit before December 31 in the immediately preceding tax year with the treasurer of the local tax collecting unit in which the property is located stating that the

property is in substantial compliance with all applicable state and local zoning, building, and housing laws, ordinances, or codes.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (6), personal property is exempt under this section if that property is located in a renaissance zone on tax day as provided in section 2 and was located in that renaissance zone for not less than 50% of the immediately preceding tax year. The written statement required under section 18 shall identify all personal property located in a renaissance zone on the tax day provided in section 2 and shall indicate whether that personal property was located in that renaissance zone for 50% of the immediately preceding tax year.

(6) Personal property located in a renaissance zone on tax day as provided in section 2 and located in that renaissance zone for less than 50% of the immediately preceding tax year is exempt under this section if an owner of the personal property files an affidavit with the written statement required under section 18 stating that the personal property will be located in that renaissance zone for not less than 50% of the tax year for which the exemption is claimed. The written statement required under section 18 shall identify all personal property located in that renaissance zone on the tax day provided in section 2 and identify that personal property for which an exemption is claimed under this subsection.

(7) As used in this section:

(a) "Renaissance zone" means that area designated a renaissance zone under the Michigan renaissance zone act, 1996 PA 376, MCL 125.2681 to 125.2696.

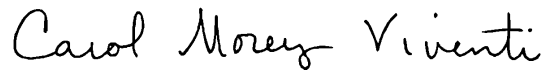
(b) "Residential rental property" means that portion of real property not occupied by an owner of that real property that is classified as residential real property under section 34c, is a multiple-unit dwelling, or is a dwelling unit in a multiple purpose structure, used for residential purposes, and all personal property located in that real property.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act is retroactive and is effective December 30, 1997.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives.



Secretary of the Senate.

Approved _____

Governor.