

# HOUSE BILL No. 5847

March 8, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Moolenaar, Caul, Kahn, Mayes and Moore and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

A bill to amend 1996 PA 376, entitled  
"Michigan renaissance zone act,"  
by amending section 8a (MCL 125.2688a), as amended by 2004 PA 430.

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

1           Sec. 8a. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2), (3), and  
2 (4), the board shall not designate more than 9 additional  
3 renaissance zones within this state under this section. Not more  
4 than 6 of the renaissance zones shall be located in urban areas and  
5 not more than 5 of the renaissance zones shall be located in rural  
6 areas. For purposes of determining whether a renaissance zone is  
7 located in an urban area or rural area under this section, if any  
8 part of a renaissance zone is located within an urban area, the  
9 entire renaissance zone shall be considered to be located in an  
10 urban area.

1           (2) The board of the Michigan strategic fund described in  
2 section 4 of the Michigan strategic fund act, 1984 PA 270, MCL  
3 125.2004, may designate not more than ~~6~~ 11 additional renaissance  
4 zones within this state in 1 or more cities, villages, or townships  
5 if that city, village, or township or combination of cities,  
6 villages, or townships consents to the creation of a renaissance  
7 zone within their boundaries. The board of the Michigan strategic  
8 fund may designate not more than 1 of the ~~6~~ 11 additional  
9 renaissance zones described in this subsection as an alternative  
10 energy zone. An alternative energy zone shall promote and increase  
11 the research, development, and manufacturing of alternative energy  
12 technology as that term is defined in the Michigan next energy  
13 authority act. An alternative energy zone shall have a duration of  
14 renaissance zone status for a period not to exceed 20 years as  
15 determined by the board of the Michigan strategic fund. Not later  
16 than April 16, 2004, the board of the Michigan strategic fund may  
17 designate not more than 1 of the ~~6~~ 11 additional renaissance  
18 zones described in this subsection as a pharmaceutical renaissance  
19 zone. A pharmaceutical renaissance zone shall promote and increase  
20 the research, development, and manufacturing of pharmaceutical  
21 products of an eligible pharmaceutical company. The board of the  
22 Michigan strategic fund may designate not more than ~~1~~ 2 of the  
23 additional ~~6~~ 11 renaissance zones described in this subsection as  
24 a redevelopment renaissance zone. A redevelopment renaissance zone  
25 shall promote the redevelopment of existing industrial facilities.  
26 Before designating a renaissance zone under this subsection, the  
27 board of the Michigan strategic fund may enter into a development

1 agreement with the city, township, or village in which the  
2 renaissance zone will be located.

3 (3) In addition to the not more than 9 additional renaissance  
4 zones described in subsection (1), the board may designate  
5 additional renaissance zones within this state in 1 or more  
6 qualified local governmental units if that qualified local  
7 governmental unit or units contain a military installation that was  
8 operated by the United States department of defense and was closed  
9 in 1977 or after 1990.

10 (4) Land owned by a county or the qualified local governmental  
11 unit or units adjacent to a zone as described in subsection (3) may  
12 be included in this zone.

13 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, property  
14 located in the alternative energy zone that is classified as  
15 commercial real property under section 34c of the general property  
16 tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.34c, and that the authority, with the  
17 concurrence of the assessor of the local tax collecting unit,  
18 determines is not used to directly promote and increase the  
19 research, development, and manufacturing of alternative energy  
20 technology is not eligible for any exemption, deduction, or credit  
21 under section 9.

22 (6) As used in this section:

23 (a) "Eligible pharmaceutical company" means a company that  
24 meets all of the following criteria:

25 (i) Is engaged primarily in manufacturing, research and  
26 development, and sale of pharmaceuticals.

27 (ii) Has not less than 8,500 employees located in this state,

1 all of whom are located within a 100-mile radius of each other.

2 (iii) Of the total number of employees located in this state,  
3 has not less than 5,000 engaged primarily in research and  
4 development of pharmaceuticals.

5 (b) "Redevelopment renaissance zone" means a renaissance zone  
6 that meets ~~all~~ 1 of the following:

7 (i) **ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

8 (A) ~~(i)~~ Is located in a city with a population of more than  
9 7,500 and less than 8,500 and is located in a county with a  
10 population of more than 60,000 and less than 70,000.

11 (B) ~~(ii)~~ Contains an industrial site of 200 or more acres.

12 (ii) **ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

13 (A) **IS LOCATED IN A CITY WITH A POPULATION OF MORE THAN 40,000**  
14 **AND LESS THEN 44,000 AND IS LOCATED IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION**  
15 **OF MORE THAN 81,000 AND LESS THAN 87,000.**

16 (B) **CONTAINS AN INDUSTRIAL SITE OF MORE THAN 475 ACRES.**