

# HOUSE BILL No. 5592

January 9, 2008, Introduced by Reps. Palsrok and Gillard and referred to the Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life.

A bill to create and provide for the operation of the Michigan port authority; to provide for the creation and appointment of a board to govern the authority and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for the powers and duties of the authority; to extend protections against certain liabilities to the authority; to provide for the issuance of certain bonds, notes, and other obligations; to facilitate the use and development of authority property and port facilities; to promote economic growth; to exempt

property, income, and operations of an authority from tax; and to provide an appropriation.

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

1       Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 "Michigan port authority act".

3       Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4       (a) "Authority" means the Michigan port authority created  
5 under section 3.

6       (b) "Authorized purposes" means activities that enhance,  
7 foster, aid, provide, or promote transportation, economic  
8 development, housing, recreation, education, governmental  
9 operations, culture, or research within this state.

10       (c) "Board" means the governing body of the authority  
11 described in section 4.

12       (d) "Department" means the department of labor and economic  
13 growth described in Executive Order No. 2003-18.

14       (e) "Develop" means the acquisition, financing, purchase,  
15 construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, remodeling,  
16 improvement, enlargement, repair, condemnation, maintenance, or  
17 operation of port facilities.

18       (f) "Fund" means the Michigan port authority fund created in  
19 section 20.

20       (g) "Governmental agency" means a department, agency, or  
21 commission of this state or of a county, city, village, or township  
22 of this state.

23       (h) "Local unit of government" means a city, county, township,  
24 or village.

1 (i) "Michigan economic development corporation" means the  
2 public body corporate created under section 28 of article VII of  
3 the state constitution of 1963 and the urban cooperation act of  
4 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, MCL 124.501 to 124.512, by a contractual  
5 interlocal agreement effective April 5, 1999 between local  
6 participating economic development corporations formed under the  
7 economic development corporations act, 1974 PA 338, MCL 125.1601 to  
8 125.1636, and the Michigan strategic fund under the Michigan  
9 strategic fund act, 1984 PA 270, MCL 125.2001 to 125.2094.

10 (j) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,  
11 limited liability company, association, governmental entity, or  
12 other legal entity.

13 (k) "Port facilities" means real or personal property, or any  
14 combination of real or personal property, that is owned, leased, or  
15 otherwise controlled or financed by a port authority and is related  
16 to, useful for, or in furtherance of, 1 or more authorized  
17 purposes.

18 Sec. 3. (1) There is created by this act a public body  
19 corporate and politic known as the Michigan port authority. The  
20 authority shall be located within the department.

21 (2) The authority shall exercise its prescribed statutory  
22 powers, duties, and functions independently of the director of the  
23 department. The budgeting, procurement, and related administrative  
24 functions of the authority shall be performed under the direction  
25 and supervision of the director of the department.

26 (3) The authority may contract with the department for the  
27 purpose of maintaining the rights and interests of the authority.

1           (4) The accounts of the authority may be subject to annual  
2 financial audits by the state auditor general. Records of the  
3 authority shall be maintained according to generally accepted  
4 accounting principles.

5           Sec. 4. (1) The authority created under this act shall be  
6 governed by the Michigan port authority board, which shall consist  
7 of 7 board members who are residents of this state. Of the members  
8 first appointed under subsection (2)(d), 2 shall be appointed for a  
9 term of 2 years and 2 shall be appointed for a term of 3 years.

10          (2) The members of the board shall be as follows:

11          (a) The chief executive officer of the Michigan economic  
12 development corporation, or his or her designee, as chairperson of  
13 the authority.

14          (b) The director of the department of labor and economic  
15 growth, or his or her designee.

16          (c) The director of the state transportation department, or  
17 his or her designee.

18          (d) Four other members appointed by the governor by and with  
19 the advice and consent of the senate who are not employed by this  
20 state and who have knowledge, skill, and experience in economic  
21 development. Of the members appointed by the governor under this  
22 subsection, 1 shall be appointed from 1 or more nominees of the  
23 majority leader of the senate and 1 shall be appointed from 1 or  
24 more nominees of the speaker of the house of representatives.

25          (3) Upon appointment to the board under subsection (2) and  
26 upon the taking and filing of the constitutional oath of office  
27 prescribed in section 1 of article XI of the state constitution of

1 1963, a member of the board shall enter the office and exercise the  
2 duties of the office.

3 (4) After the first appointment, each member shall serve a  
4 term of 4 years, except that a person appointed to fill a vacancy  
5 shall be appointed for the balance of the unexpired term. The  
6 governor shall fill a vacancy in the office by appointment in the  
7 same manner as an appointment under subsection (2). A member of the  
8 board shall hold office until a successor has been appointed and  
9 qualified. A member of the board is eligible for reappointment.

10 (5) Members of the board and officers and employees of the  
11 authority are considered public servants subject to 1968 PA 317,  
12 MCL 15.321 to 15.330, and 1968 PA 318, MCL 15.301 to 15.310. A  
13 member of the board or an officer, employee, or agent of the  
14 authority shall discharge the duties of the position in a  
15 nonpartisan manner, in good faith, in the best interests of the  
16 authority, and with the degree of diligence, care, and skill that  
17 an ordinarily prudent person would exercise under similar  
18 circumstances in a like position. In discharging duties of the  
19 office, a member of the board or an officer, employee, or agent of  
20 the authority, when acting in good faith, may rely upon a majority  
21 vote of a quorum of the board, upon the opinion of counsel for the  
22 authority, upon the report of an independent appraiser selected  
23 with reasonable care by the board, or upon financial statements of  
24 the authority represented to the member of the board, officer,  
25 employee, or agent to be correct by the officer of the authority  
26 having charge of its books or accounts or stated in a written  
27 report by the auditor general or a certified public accountant or a

1 firm of accountants to fairly reflect the financial condition of  
2 the authority.

3 (6) The board shall elect a vice-chairperson, secretary, and  
4 any additional officers of the board considered necessary by the  
5 board from among its members. All elected officers of the board  
6 shall be elected annually by the board. Members of the board shall  
7 serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual and  
8 necessary expenses.

9 Sec. 5. (1) Upon the appointment of at least 4 members of the  
10 board under section 4, the board may hold its first meeting. The  
11 first meeting of the board shall be held not more than 60 days  
12 after the date the authority is created.

13 (2) The board shall organize and adopt its own policies,  
14 procedures, schedule of regular meetings, and a regular meeting  
15 date, place, and time. The board shall conduct all business at  
16 public meetings held in compliance with the open meetings act, 1976  
17 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275. Public notice of the time, date, and  
18 place of each meeting shall be given in the manner required by the  
19 open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

20 (3) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or  
21 retained by the board in the performance of an official function  
22 shall be made available to the public in compliance with the  
23 freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

24 (4) A board may act only by resolution. A majority of the  
25 members of the board then in office, or of any committee of the  
26 board, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.  
27 The board shall meet in person or by means of electronic

1 communication devices that enable all participants in the meeting  
2 to communicate with each other. A vote of a majority of the members  
3 of the board serving at the time of the vote is necessary to  
4 approve the issuance by the authority of bonds or to approve or  
5 amend the annual budget of the authority. Except as otherwise  
6 provided in this act, a vote of the majority of the board members  
7 present at a meeting at which a quorum is present constitutes the  
8 action of the board or of the committee.

9 (5) Before the beginning of each fiscal year, the board shall  
10 prepare a budget containing an itemized statement of the estimated  
11 current operational expenses for the operation of the authority and  
12 development of port facilities in this state, the amount necessary  
13 to pay the principal and interest of any outstanding bonds or other  
14 obligations of the authority maturing during the ensuing fiscal  
15 year or that have previously matured and are unpaid, an estimate of  
16 the revenue of the authority from all sources for the ensuing  
17 fiscal year, and other amounts necessary to further the purposes of  
18 this act. The authority's budget shall be funded by proceeds  
19 derived from gifts, grants, loans, and other aids from any person  
20 or the federal government, this state, or a local government or any  
21 agency of the federal government, this state, or a local  
22 government.

23 Sec. 6. (1) The board may appoint a person, other than a  
24 member of the board, to serve as director of the authority, to whom  
25 the authority may delegate any of its administrative powers and  
26 authorization.

27 (2) Subject to the approval of the board, the director shall

1 supervise, and be responsible for, all of the following:

2 (a) The performance of the functions of the authority under  
3 this act.

4 (b) A regular report describing the activities and financial  
5 condition of the authority.

6 (c) The issuance of bonds and notes approved by the board.

7 (d) All other activities or functions that the board considers  
8 necessary.

9 (3) The board may employ legal and technical experts, private  
10 consultants and engineers, accountants, and other agents or  
11 employees for rendering professional and technical assistance and  
12 advice as may be necessary. The authority shall determine the  
13 qualifications, duties, and compensation of those it employs.

14 Sec. 7. Except as otherwise provided in this act, the  
15 authority may do all things necessary to implement the purposes of  
16 this act, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

17 (a) Adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws for the regulation of its  
18 affairs and the conduct of its business.

19 (b) Adopt an official seal and alter the seal at the pleasure  
20 of the board.

21 (c) Sue and be sued in its own name and plead and be  
22 impleaded.

23 (d) Solicit and accept gifts, grants, loans, and other  
24 assistance from any person or the federal, the state, or a local  
25 government or any agency of the federal, the state, or a local  
26 government or participate in any other way in any federal, state,  
27 or local government program.



1 (e) Research and publish studies, investigations, surveys, and  
2 findings on the developing and operations of port facilities.

3 (f) Finance, direct, or otherwise aid in the planning,  
4 construction, and design of port facilities.

5 (g) Finance, direct, or otherwise aid in the securing of port  
6 facilities and surrounding areas in this state.

7 (h) Make grants, loans, and investments; guarantee and insure  
8 loans, leases, bonds, notes, or other indebtedness, whether public  
9 or private; and issue letters of credit.

10 (i) Construct; acquire by gift, purchase, installment  
11 purchase, or lease; and reconstruct, improve, repair, or equip a  
12 port facility or any part of a port facility, including related  
13 infrastructure.

14 (j) Borrow money and issue bonds and notes to finance part or  
15 all of the costs of developing port facilities and secure those  
16 bonds and notes by mortgage, assignment, or pledge of any of its  
17 money, revenues, income, and properties.

18 (k) Acquire or contract to acquire from a person, a  
19 municipality, the federal or state government, or an agency of the  
20 federal or state government, leaseholds, real or personal property,  
21 or any interest in real or personal property and own, hold, clear,  
22 improve, and rehabilitate and sell, assign, exchange, transfer,  
23 convey, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of or encumber  
24 leaseholds, real or personal property, or any interest in real or  
25 personal property, as is convenient for the accomplishment of the  
26 purposes of this act and of the authority.

27 (l) Procure insurance against any loss in connection with the

1 authority's property, assets, or activities.

2 (m) Invest any money of the authority, at the board's  
3 discretion, in any bond, note, or other obligation determined  
4 proper by the board, and name and use depositories for its money.

5 (n) Contract for goods and services and engage personnel as  
6 necessary and engage the services of private consultants, managers,  
7 legal counsel, engineers, accountants, and auditors for rendering  
8 professional financial assistance and advice payable out of any  
9 money of the authority.

10 (o) Charge, impose, and collect fees and charges in connection  
11 with any transaction and provide for reasonable penalties for  
12 delinquent payment of fees or charges.

13 (p) Indemnify and procure insurance indemnifying any members  
14 of the board or employees of the board from personal loss or  
15 accountability from liability asserted by a person on the bonds or  
16 notes of the authority or from any personal liability or  
17 accountability by reason of the issuance of the bonds, notes,  
18 insurance, or guarantees; by reason of acquisition, construction,  
19 ownership, or operation of a project; or by reason of any other  
20 action taken or the failure to act by the authority.

21 (q) Mortgage or create security interests in a port facility  
22 or any part of a port facility, or in a lease or loan, or in the  
23 rents, revenues, or sums to be paid under a lease or loan, in favor  
24 of the holders of the bonds or notes issued by the authority.

25 (r) Convey or release a port facility or any part of a port  
26 facility to a lessee, purchaser, or borrower under any agreement  
27 after provision has been made for the retirement in full of the

1 bonds or notes issued for that port facility under terms and  
2 conditions provided in the agreement or as may be agreed with the  
3 holders of the bonds or notes, at any time where the obligation of  
4 the lessee, purchaser, or borrower to make the payments prescribed  
5 shall remain fixed as provided in the agreement notwithstanding the  
6 conveyance or release, or as may otherwise be agreed with the  
7 holders of the bonds or notes.

8 (s) Promulgate rules pursuant to the administrative procedures  
9 act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, necessary to carry  
10 out the purposes of this act.

11 (t) Do all other things necessary to promote and develop port  
12 facilities in this state.

13 Sec. 8. (1) The authority may acquire real or personal  
14 property or rights or interests in real or personal property by  
15 gift, devise, transfer, exchange, foreclosure, purchase, or  
16 otherwise on terms and conditions and in a manner the authority  
17 considers proper. The authority may own, lease, convey, demolish,  
18 relocate, or rehabilitate real or personal property or rights or  
19 interests in real or personal property, consistent with the  
20 purposes of this act.

21 (2) Real property acquired by the authority by purchase may be  
22 obtained by any method considered desirable by the authority. The  
23 authority may purchase real property or rights or interests in real  
24 property for any purpose the authority considers necessary to carry  
25 out the purposes of this act.

26 (3) The authority may acquire by condemnation lands, property  
27 rights, rights of way, franchises, easements, and other property,

1 or parts of property or rights in property, of a person,  
2 partnership, association, or corporation considered by the  
3 authority to be necessary for the construction or efficient  
4 operation of a port facility. A facility currently operated as a  
5 port facility by a terminal operator or a facility owned or  
6 operated by a common carrier or public utility shall be exempt from  
7 this subsection. The condemnation shall be made in the manner  
8 provided under 1966 PA 295, MCL 213.361 to 213.391, or the uniform  
9 condemnation procedures act, 1980 PA 87, MCL 213.51 to 213.75,  
10 except where that procedure may be inconsistent with this act.

11       Sec. 9. The authority may control, hold, manage, maintain,  
12 operate, repair, lease, secure, prevent the waste or deterioration  
13 of, demolish, and take all other actions necessary to preserve the  
14 value of property held by the authority.

15       Sec. 10. (1) The authority may authorize and issue its bonds  
16 or notes payable solely from revenues or funds available to the  
17 authority. Bonds and notes of the authority are not a debt or  
18 liability of this state and do not create or constitute any  
19 indebtedness, liability, or obligations of this state or constitute  
20 a pledge of the full faith or credit of this state. All authority  
21 bonds and notes shall be payable solely from revenues or funds  
22 pledged or available for their payment as authorized in this act.  
23 Each bond and note shall contain on its face a statement to the  
24 effect that the authority is obligated to pay the principal of and  
25 the interest on the bond or note only from revenue or funds of the  
26 authority pledged for the payment of principal and interest and  
27 that this state is not obligated to pay that principal and interest

1 and that neither the full faith and credit nor the taxing power of  
2 this state is pledged to the payment of the principal of or the  
3 interest on the bond or note.

4 (2) All expenses incurred in carrying out this section shall  
5 be payable solely from revenues or funds provided or to be provided  
6 under this act. This act does not authorize the authority to incur  
7 any indebtedness or liability on behalf of or payable by this  
8 state.

9 (3) Bonds and notes issued under this act are not subject to  
10 the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to  
11 141.2821.

12 (4) The issuance of bonds and notes under this section is  
13 subject to the agency financing reporting act, 2002 PA 470, MCL  
14 129.171 to 129.177.

15 Sec. 11. (1) The authority may issue from time to time bonds  
16 or notes in principal amounts the authority considers necessary to  
17 provide funds for any purpose, including, but not limited to, all  
18 of the following:

19 (a) The payment, funding, or refunding of the principal of,  
20 interest on, or redemption premiums on bonds or notes issued by the  
21 authority whether the bonds or notes or interest to be funded or  
22 refunded has or has not become due.

23 (b) The establishment or increase of reserves to secure or to  
24 pay authority bonds or notes or interest on those bonds or notes.

25 (c) The payment of interest on the bonds or notes for a period  
26 as the authority determines.

27 (d) The payment of all other costs or expenses of the

1 authority incident to and necessary or convenient to carry out its  
2 authorized purposes and powers.

3 (2) The bonds or notes of the authority shall not be a general  
4 obligation of the authority but shall be payable solely from the  
5 revenues or funds, or both, pledged to the payment of the principal  
6 of and interest on the bonds or notes as provided in the resolution  
7 authorizing the bonds or notes.

8 (3) The bonds or notes of the authority:

9 (a) Shall be authorized by resolution of the authority.

10 (b) Shall bear the date or dates of issuance.

11 (c) May be issued as either tax-exempt bonds or notes or  
12 taxable bonds or notes for federal income tax purposes.

13 (d) Shall be serial bonds, term bonds, or term and serial  
14 bonds.

15 (e) Shall mature at a time or times not exceeding 40 years  
16 from the date of issuance.

17 (f) May provide for sinking fund payments.

18 (g) May provide for redemption at the option of the authority  
19 at any time for any reason or reasons.

20 (h) May provide for redemption at the option of the bondholder  
21 at any time for any reason.

22 (i) Shall bear interest at a fixed or variable rate or rates  
23 of interest per year or at no interest.

24 (j) Shall be registered bonds, coupon bonds, or both.

25 (k) May contain a conversion feature.

26 (l) May be transferable.

27 (m) Shall be in the form, denomination or denominations, and

1 with such other provisions and terms as are determined necessary or  
2 beneficial by the authority.

3       Sec. 12. (1) The authority may authorize and approve an  
4 insurance contract, an agreement for a line of credit, a letter of  
5 credit, a commitment to purchase notes or bonds, an agreement to  
6 remarket bonds or notes, or any other transaction to provide  
7 security to assure timely payment of a bond or note.

8       (2) The authority may authorize payment from the proceeds of  
9 the notes or bonds, or other funds available, of the costs of  
10 issuance, including, but not limited to, fees for placement,  
11 charges for insurance, letters of credit, lines of credit,  
12 remarketing agreements, reimbursement agreements, or purchase or  
13 sales agreements or commitments, or agreements to provide security  
14 to assure timely payment of notes or bonds.

15       Sec. 13. Within limitations contained in the issuance or  
16 authorization resolution of the authority, the authority may  
17 authorize a member of the board, the director, or other officer of  
18 the authority to do 1 or more of the following:

19       (a) Sell and deliver and receive payment for notes or bonds.

20       (b) Refund notes or bonds by the delivery of new notes or  
21 bonds whether or not the notes or bonds to be refunded have matured  
22 or are subject to redemption.

23       (c) Deliver notes or bonds, partly to refund notes or bonds  
24 and partly for any other authorized purpose.

25       (d) Buy notes or bonds that are issued and resell those notes  
26 or bonds.

27       (e) Approve interest rates or methods for fixing interest

1 rates, prices, discounts, maturities, principal amounts,  
2 denominations, dates of issuance, interest payment dates,  
3 redemption rights, at the option of the authority or the holder,  
4 the place of delivery and payment, and other matters and procedures  
5 necessary to complete the transactions authorized.

6 (f) Direct the investment of any and all funds of the  
7 authority.

8 (g) Approve the terms of a contract and execute and deliver  
9 the contract subject to the restrictions of this part.

10 (h) Approve the terms of any insurance contract, agreement for  
11 a line of credit, a letter of credit, a commitment to purchase  
12 notes or bonds, an agreement to remarket bonds or notes, an  
13 agreement to manage payment, revenue, or interest rate exposure, or  
14 any other transaction to provide security to assure timely payment  
15 of a bond or note.

16 (i) Perform any power, duty, function, or responsibility of  
17 the authority.

18 Sec. 14. A resolution authorizing bonds or notes may provide  
19 for all of the following that shall be part of the contract with  
20 the holders of the bonds or notes:

21 (a) A pledge to any payment or purpose all or any part of  
22 authority revenues or assets to which its right then exists or may  
23 later come to exist, of money derived from the revenues or assets,  
24 and of the proceeds of bonds or notes or of an issue of bonds or  
25 notes, subject to any existing agreements with bondholders or  
26 noteholders.

27 (b) A pledge of a loan, grant, or contribution from the



1 federal, state, or local government.

2 (c) The establishment and setting aside of reserves or sinking  
3 funds and the regulation and disposition of reserves or sinking  
4 funds subject to this act.

5 (d) Authorization for and limitations on the issuance of  
6 additional bonds or notes for the purposes provided for in the  
7 resolution and the terms upon which additional notes or bonds may  
8 be issued and secured.

9 (e) The procedure, if any, by which the terms of a contract  
10 with noteholders or bondholders may be amended or abrogated, the  
11 number of noteholders or bondholders who are required to consent to  
12 the amendment or abrogation, and the manner in which consent may be  
13 given.

14 (f) A contract with the bondholders as to the custody,  
15 collection, securing, investment, and payment of any money of the  
16 authority. Money of the authority and deposits of money may be  
17 secured in the manner determined by the authority. Banks and trust  
18 companies may give security for the deposits.

19 (g) Vest in a trustee, or a secured party, the property,  
20 income, revenue, receipts, rights, remedies, powers, and duties in  
21 trust or otherwise as the authority determines necessary or  
22 appropriate to adequately secure and protect noteholders and  
23 bondholders or to limit or abrogate the right of the holders of  
24 bonds or notes of the authority to appoint a trustee under this act  
25 or to limit the rights, powers, and duties of the trustee.

26 (h) Provide the trustee, the noteholders, or the bondholders  
27 remedies that may be exercised if the authority fails or refuses to

1 comply with this act or defaults in an agreement made with the  
2 holders of an issue of bonds or notes, which may include, but are  
3 not limited to, the following:

4 (i) By mandamus or other action or proceeding at law or in  
5 equity, to enforce the rights of the bondholders or noteholders and  
6 require the authority to carry out any other agreement with the  
7 holders of those notes or bonds and to perform the duties of the  
8 authority under this act.

9 (ii) Bring action upon the notes or bonds.

10 (iii) By action, require the authority to account as if it were  
11 the trustee of an express trust for the holders of the notes or  
12 bonds.

13 (iv) By action in equity, enjoin any acts or things that may be  
14 unlawful or in violation of the rights of the holders of the notes  
15 or bonds.

16 (v) Declare the notes or bonds due and payable and, if all  
17 defaults shall be made good, then, as permitted by the resolution,  
18 annul that declaration and its consequences.

19 (i) Any other matters of like or different character that in  
20 any way affect the security or protection of the bonds or notes.

21 Sec. 15. A pledge made by the authority shall be valid and  
22 binding from the time the pledge is made. The money or property  
23 pledged and then received by the authority immediately is subject  
24 to the lien of the pledge without physical delivery or further act.  
25 The lien of a pledge is valid and binding as against parties having  
26 claims of any kind in tort, contract, or otherwise against the  
27 authority and is valid and binding as against the transfers of

1 money or property pledged, irrespective of whether parties have  
2 notice. The resolution, the trust agreement, or any other  
3 instrument by which a pledge is created is not required to be  
4 recorded in order to establish and perfect a lien or security  
5 interest in the property pledged.

6       Sec. 16. The members of the board and any person executing  
7 bonds or notes issued as provided in this act and any person  
8 executing any agreement on behalf of the authority is not  
9 personally liable on the bonds or notes by reason of their  
10 issuance.

11       Sec. 17. The authority may hold, cancel, or resell authority  
12 bonds or notes subject to or in accordance with an agreement with  
13 holders of authority bonds or notes.

14       Sec. 18. This state pledges to and agrees with the holders of  
15 bonds or notes issued in accordance with this act that this state  
16 shall not limit or restrict the rights vested in the authority by  
17 this act to fulfill the terms of an agreement made with the holders  
18 of authority bonds or notes or in any way impair the rights or  
19 remedies of the holders of the bonds or notes of the authority  
20 until the bonds and notes, together with interest on the bonds or  
21 notes and interest on any unpaid installments of interest, and all  
22 costs and expenses in connection with an action or proceedings by  
23 or on behalf of those holders are fully met, paid, and discharged.

24       Sec. 19. Notwithstanding any restriction in any other law,  
25 this state and a public officer, local unit of government, agency  
26 of this state or a local unit of government, an intergovernmental  
27 entity created under the laws of this state; a bank, trust company,

1 savings bank and institution, savings and loan association,  
2 investment company, or other person carrying on a banking business;  
3 an insurance company, insurance association, or other person  
4 carrying on an insurance business; or an executor, administrator,  
5 guardian, trustee, or other fiduciary may legally invest funds  
6 belonging to them or within their control in bonds or notes issued  
7 under this act, and authority bonds or notes shall be authorized  
8 security for public deposits.

9       Sec. 20. (1) The Michigan port authority fund is created under  
10 the jurisdiction and control of the authority and may be  
11 administered for the general operations of the authority and to  
12 secure any notes and bonds of the authority.

13       (2) The authority may receive money or other assets from any  
14 source for deposit into the fund. The authority shall credit to the  
15 fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

16       (3) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall  
17 remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

18       (4) The authority shall expend money from the fund only for  
19 the authorized purposes provided in this act.

20       Sec. 21. The authority created under this act shall be exempt  
21 from and shall not be required to pay taxes on property, both real  
22 and personal, belonging to the authority, which is used for a  
23 public or governmental purpose. Property of the authority is public  
24 property devoted to an essential public or governmental function  
25 and purpose. The authority's income and operation, including bonds  
26 or notes issued by the authority or the interest and income derived  
27 from the bonds or notes, are exempt from all taxes and special

1 assessments of this state or a political subdivision of this state.

2       Sec. 22. This act shall be construed liberally to effectuate  
3 the legislative intent and its purposes. All powers granted shall  
4 be cumulative and not exclusive and shall be broadly interpreted to  
5 effectuate the intent and purposes and not as a limitation of  
6 powers.

7       Sec. 23. There is appropriated from the general fund for  
8 initial implementation costs for this act the sum of \$100,000.00.