



HOUSE BILL No. 5217

December 10, 1999, Introduced by Reps. Richner, Rick Johnson and Howell and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1987 PA 231, entitled

"An act to create a transportation economic development fund in the state treasury; to prescribe the uses of and distributions from this fund; to create the office of economic development and to prescribe its powers and duties; to prescribe the powers and duties of the state transportation department, state transportation commission, and certain other bodies; and to permit the issuance of certain bonds,"

by amending section 9 (MCL 247.909), as amended by 1993 PA 149.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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1 Sec. 9. (1) A project shall relate to 1 or more of the fol-
2 lowing categories:

3 (a) Economic development road projects in any of the follow-
4 ing targeted industries:

5 (i) Agriculture or food processing.

6 (ii) Tourism.

7 (iii) Forestry.

- 1 (iv) High technology research.
- 2 (v) Manufacturing.
- 3 (vi) Mining.
- 4 (vii) Office centers of not less than 50,000 square feet.
- 5 (c) Projects for reducing congestion on county primary and
6 city major streets within urban counties including advanced traf-
7 fic management systems.
- 8 (d) Development projects for the improvement of rural pri-
9 mary roads in rural counties and major streets in cities and vil-
10 lages with a population of 5,000 or less.
- 11 (e) Projects for development within rural counties on county
12 rural primary roads or major streets within incorporated villages
13 and cities with a population of less than 5,000.
- 14 (F) ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE IMPROVED ACCESS
15 TO HOSPITALS OR THAT REPAIR OR RESTORE ROADS AFFECTED BY COMBINED
16 SEWER OVERFLOW PROJECTS.
- 17 (2) The minimum requirements specified in section 7 for
18 projects identified in subsection (1)(a) shall ensure that those
19 projects satisfy the following requirements:
- 20 (a) Meet a particular transportation need that is shown to
21 exist.
- 22 (b) Have an immediate positive impact on local employment
23 and the economy.
- 24 (c) Exclude speculative projects with little or no return on
25 investment. Projects that contribute to the economic development
26 and redevelopment of areas having experienced or having
27 significant potential to experience job loss which meet the

1 criteria for funding under section 7(3)(b)(ii) shall not be
2 considered speculative for the purposes of this subdivision.

3 (d) Provide cooperation and support between developers and
4 state and local government.

5 (e) Were evaluated on the basis of impact on the local
6 community.

7 (3) A project that is within 1 or more of the categories in
8 subsection (1) shall also meet the criteria developed for that
9 category.