HOUSE BILL No. 4850

May 30, 2001, Introduced by Reps. Raczkowski, Mortimer, Bishop and Woronchak and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

A bill to provide certain investment opportunities in this state; to exempt income from certain taxes; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain public officers and departments; to impose powers and duties upon certain officials, departments, and authorities of this state; and to provide penalties and remedies.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
- 2 "certified capital company act".
- 3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:
- 4 (a) "Affiliate of a certified capital company or insurance
- 5 company" means any of the following:
- 6 (i) A person, directly or indirectly beneficially owning,
- 7 whether through rights, options, convertible interests, or
- 8 otherwise, controlling or holding power to vote 10% or more of

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- 1 the outstanding securities or other ownership interests of the
- 2 certified capital company or insurance company, as applicable.
- (ii) A person, 10% or more of whose outstanding voting
- 4 securities or other ownership interest is directly or indirectly
- 5 beneficially owned, whether through rights, options, convertible
- 6 interests, or otherwise, controlled, or held with power to vote
- 7 by the certified capital company or insurance company, as
- 8 applicable.
- 9 (iii) A person, directly or indirectly controlling, con-
- 10 trolled by, or under common control with the certified capital
- 11 company or insurance company, as applicable.
- 12 (iv) A partnership in which the certified capital company or
- 13 insurance company, as applicable, is a general partner.
- 14 (v) A person who is an officer, director, or agent of the
- 15 certified capital company or insurance company, as applicable, or
- 16 an immediate family member of the officer, director, or agent.
- 17 (b) "Allocation date" means the date on which the certified
- 18 investors of a certified capital company are allocated credits by
- 19 the department.
- (c) "Certified capital" means an investment of cash by a
- 21 certified investor in a certified capital company which fully
- 22 funds the purchase price of an equity interest in the certified
- 23 capital company or a qualified debt instrument issued by the cer-
- 24 tified capital company.
- 25 (d) "Certified capital company" means a partnership, corpo-
- 26 ration, trust, or limited liability company, whether organized on
- 27 a profit or not for profit basis, that has as its primary

- 1 business activity the investment of cash in qualified businesses
- 2 and that is certified by the department as meeting the criteria
- 3 under this act.
- 4 (e) "Certified investor" means an insurance company that
- 5 invests certified capital pursuant to an allocation of tax cred-
- 6 its under section 3.
- 7 (f) "Department" means the department of treasury.
- 8 (g) "Early stage business" means a business that at the time
- 9 of the request for a written opinion under section 6 for the pur-
- 10 poses of section 6, or when the initial investment on which dis-
- 11 tributions under section 7 are based, satisfies all of the fol-
- 12 lowing conditions:
- 13 (i) The business is engaged in activities related to the
- 14 development of initial product or service offerings, including,
- 15 but not limited to, prototype development of initial product or
- 16 service offerings, prototype development, or the establishment of
- 17 initial or production service processes.
- 18 (ii) The business is less than 2 years old.
- 19 (iii) During the fiscal year immediately preceding the
- 20 request for a written opinion under section 6, the business had
- 21 gross revenues of no more than \$3,000,000.00 calculated on a con-
- 22 solidated basis according to generally accepted accounting
- 23 principles.
- 24 (h) "High-technology activity" means 1 or more of the
- 25 following:
- 26 (i) Advanced computing, which is any technology used in the
- 27 design and development of any of the following:

- 1 (A) Computer hardware and software.
- 2 (B) Data communications.
- 3 (C) Information technologies.
- 4 (ii) Advanced materials, which are materials with engineered
- 5 properties created through the development of specialized process
- 6 and synthesis technology.
- 7 (iii) Biotechnology, which is any technology that uses
- 8 living organisms, cells, macromolecules, microorganisms, or sub-
- 9 stances from living organisms to make or modify a product,
- 10 improve plants or animals, or develop microorganisms for useful
- 11 purposes. Biotechnology does not include human cloning as
- 12 defined in section 16274 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368,
- 13 MCL 333.16274, or stem cell research with embryonic tissue.
- 14 (iv) Electronic device technology, which is any technology
- 15 that involves microelectronics, semiconductors, electronic equip-
- 16 ment, and instrumentation, radio frequency, microwave, and milli-
- 17 meter electronics, and optical and optic-electrical devices, or
- 18 data and digital communications and imaging devices.
- 19 (v) Engineering or laboratory testing related to the devel-
- 20 opment of a product.
- 21 (vi) Technology that assists in the assessment or prevention
- 22 of threats or damage to human health or the environment, includ-
- 23 ing, but not limited to, environmental cleanup technology, pollu-
- 24 tion prevention technology, or development of alternative energy
- 25 sources.
- 26 (vii) Medical device technology, which is any technology
- 27 that involves medical equipment or products other than a

- 1 pharmaceutical product that has therapeutic or diagnostic value
- 2 and is regulated.
- 3 (viii) Product research and development.
- 4 (ix) Advanced vehicles technology that is any technology
- 5 that involves electric vehicles, hybrid vehicles, or alternative
- 6 fuel vehicles, or components used in the construction of electric
- 7 vehicles, hybrid vehicles, or alternative fuel vehicles. For
- 8 purposes of this act:
- 9 (A) "Electric vehicle" means a road vehicle that draws pro-
- 10 pulsion energy only from an on-board source of electrical
- 11 energy.
- 12 (B) "Hybrid vehicle" means a road vehicle that can draw pro-
- 13 pulsion energy from both a consumable fuel and a rechargeable
- 14 energy storage system.
- 15 (i) "Michigan economic development corporation" means the
- 16 public body corporate created under section 28 of article VII of
- 17 the state constitution of 1963 and the urban cooperation act of
- 18 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, MCL 124.501 to 124.512, by a contrac-
- 19 tual interlocal agreement effective April 5, 1999 between local
- 20 participating economic development corporations formed under the
- 21 economic development corporations act, 1974 PA 338, MCL 125.1601
- 22 to 125.1636, and the Michigan strategic fund. If it is deter-
- 23 mined that the Michigan economic development corporation is
- 24 unable to perform its duties under this act, those duties shall
- 25 be exercised by the Michigan strategic fund.

- 1 (j) "Michigan strategic fund" means the Michigan strategic
- 2 fund as described in the Michigan strategic fund act, 1984
- 3 PA 270, MCL 125.2001 to 125.2093.
- 4 (k) "Person" means a natural person or entity, including a
- 5 corporation, general or limited partnership, trust, or limited
- 6 liability company.
- 7 (1) "Qualified business" means a business other than a busi-
- 8 ness predominantly engaged in professional services provided by
- 9 accountants, lawyers, or physicians that meets both of the fol-
- 10 lowing conditions at the time of a certified capital company's
- 11 first investment in the business:
- 12 (i) Is headquartered in this state and its principal busi-
- 13 ness operations are located in this state.
- 14 (ii) Is a small business concern as defined in
- 15 section 121.201 of the small business size regulations of the
- 16 United States small business administration, 13 C.F.R. 121.201.
- 17 (m) "Qualified debt instrument" means a debt instrument
- 18 issued by a certified capital company at par value or a premium
- 19 with an original maturity date of at least 5 years from date of
- 20 issuance, a repayment schedule that is no faster than a level
- 21 principal amortization over 5 years, and that contains no inter-
- 22 est, distribution, or payment features that are related to the
- 23 profitability of the certified capital company or the performance
- 24 of the certified capital company's investment portfolio.
- 25 (n) "Qualified distribution" means a distribution or payment
- 26 by a certified capital company from certified capital in
- 27 connection with either of the following:

- 1 (i) Reasonable costs and expenses of forming and syndicating
- 2 the certified capital company.
- 3 (ii) Reasonable costs and expenses of managing and operating
- 4 the certified capital company including, but not limited to, an
- 5 annual management fee in an amount that does not exceed 2.5% of
- 6 the certified capital of the certified capital company.
- 7 (iii) Any projected increase in federal or state taxes,
- 8 including penalties and interest related to state and federal
- 9 income taxes, of the equity owners of a certified capital company
- 10 resulting from the earnings or other tax liability of the certi-
- 11 fied capital company or the equity owners to the extent that the
- 12 increase is related to the ownership, management, or operation of
- 13 a certified capital company or the issuance, repayment, or
- 14 redemption of the qualified debt instruments of the certified
- 15 capital company.
- 16 (o) "Qualified investment" means the investment of cash by a
- 17 certified capital company in a qualified business for the pur-
- 18 chase of any debt, equity, or hybrid security, of any nature and
- 19 description, including a debt instrument, debt participation, or
- 20 security that has the characteristics of debt but that provides
- 21 for conversion into equity or equity participation instruments
- 22 such as options or warrants.
- 23 (p) "Tax credit allocation claim" means a claim for the
- 24 allocation of tax credits allowed under this act prepared, exe-
- 25 cuted, and filed with the department by a certified investor on a
- 26 form provided by the department that includes a statement that
- 27 the certified investor is legally bound and irrevocably committed

- 1 to make an investment of certified capital in a certified capital
- 2 company in the amount allocated under section 3.
- 3 (q) "Tax liability" means any liability incurred by a certi-
- 4 fied investor under the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228,
- 5 MCL 208.1 to 208.145, or other liability incurred by a certified
- 6 investor under any tax levied by this state on premiums written
- 7 in this state by the certified investor or any other tax levied
- 8 by this state on the business income of the certified investor.
- 9 Sec. 3. (1) A certified investor who makes an investment of
- 10 certified capital pursuant to an allocation of credits under this
- 11 act shall, at the time of the investment, earn a vested credit
- 12 against the certified investor's tax liability equal to 100% of
- 13 the certified investor's investment of certified capital. A cer-
- 14 tified investor is entitled to take a maximum of 10% of the
- 15 vested tax credit in any tax year of the certified investor
- 16 beginning with the tax year during which the investment is made.
- 17 (2) The credit that can be claimed against the tax liability
- 18 of the certified investor in any 1 tax year shall not exceed the
- 19 tax liability of the certified investor for that tax year. All
- 20 unused credits against tax liability may be carried forward until
- 21 the credit is used up.
- 22 (3) A certified investor claiming a credit against tax
- 23 liability under this section is not required to pay any addi-
- 24 tional retaliatory tax levied under the insurance code of 1956,
- 25 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.100 to 500.8302, as a result of claiming
- 26 that credit.

- 1 (4) The total amount of credits allowed under this section
- 2 for all taxpayers shall not exceed \$200,000,000.00.
- 3 (5) Tax credit allocation claims filed with respect to the
- 4 certified investors in any 1 certified capital company on an
- 5 aggregate basis with its affiliates shall not exceed
- **6** \$200,000,000.00.
- 7 (6) Allocation of credits under this act shall be made in
- 8 the order in which the tax credit allocation claims are received
- 9 by the department. If 2 or more tax credit allocation claims are
- 10 filed on the same day, they are considered to have been received
- 11 simultaneously.
- 12 (7) If 2 or more certified capital companies file credit
- 13 allocation claims on behalf of their certified investors on the
- 14 same day, and the amount of the credit allocation claims exceeds
- 15 the total maximum aggregate amounts under subsection (4), capital
- 16 for which credits are allowed shall be allocated by dividing the
- 17 total credits available by the number of certified capital com-
- 18 panies that filed credit allocation claims on behalf of their
- 19 certified investors on the same day. If the allocation of cred-
- 20 its under this subsection results in 1 or more certified capital
- 21 companies receiving an allocation of credits in excess of the
- 22 amount claimed, the credits in excess of the amount claimed shall
- 23 be reallocated to the remaining certified capital companies in
- 24 proportion to the amount of credits claimed exceeding the credits
- 25 previously allocated.
- 26 (8) Within 10 days after receiving a tax credit allocation
- 27 claim from a certified investor, the department shall notify that

- 1 certified investor of the amount of the tax credits allocated to
- 2 that certified investor.
- 3 (9) If a certified investor does not invest certified capi-
- 4 tal in a certified capital company within 10 business days after
- 5 receiving an allocation under this act, the certified investor
- 6 forfeits that portion of the allocation not invested. Any amount
- 7 of certified capital forfeited under this subsection shall be
- 8 reallocated to other certified investors using the formula under
- 9 subsection (7).
- 10 (10) An insurance company, on an aggregate basis with its
- 11 affiliates, shall not file tax credit allocation claims under
- 12 this act whether in 1 or more certified capital companies, for
- 13 more than the total maximum aggregate amount under this
- 14 subsection. The department shall not approve a tax credit allo-
- 15 cation claim for any certified investor on an aggregate basis
- 16 with its affiliates, whether in 1 or more certified capital com-
- 17 panies, for more than the greater of \$10,000,000.00 or 25% of the
- 18 total maximum aggregate amount under subsection (4).
- 19 Sec. 4. (1) The department may promulgate rules necessary
- 20 to administer this act pursuant to the administrative procedures
- 21 act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328. The department
- 22 shall submit rules for promulgation on or before September 30,
- 23 2001 relating to procedures for applying for certification as a
- 24 certified capital company. The application process shall include
- 25 a criminal background investigation and fingerprint cards and
- 26 resumes detailing work experience for all principals of the
- 27 certified capital company.

- 1 (2) The department shall begin accepting applications for
- 2 certification of a certified capital company not later than
- 3 October 31, 2001.
- 4 (3) Certified capital companies may file tax allocation
- 5 claims on behalf of its certified investors at any time after it
- 6 becomes certified by the department but not earlier than May 31,
- 7 2002.
- **8** (4) Certified investors may use certified capital as a basis
- 9 for credits under this act beginning at the time the capital is
- 10 invested.
- 11 (5) Credits under this act may be claimed or otherwise used
- 12 pursuant to this act with respect to tax liability relating to
- 13 the certified capital company's tax year that begins on or after
- **14** January 1, 2002.
- 15 (6) An applicant shall pay a nonrefundable application fee
- 16 of \$7,500.00 at the time of filing the application with the
- 17 department.
- 18 (7) A certified capital company's net worth at the time of
- 19 seeking certification shall be at least \$500,000.00, which shall
- 20 be determined by the unencumbered cash, marketable securities,
- 21 and other liquid assets of the certified capital company.
- 22 (8) The department shall review the organizational documents
- 23 of each applicant for certification and the business history of
- 24 the applicant and determine whether the applicant's net worth in
- 25 the form of unencumbered cash, marketable securities, and other
- 26 liquid assets is at least \$500,000.00. The department shall
- 27 require that an applicant for certification as a certified

- 1 capital company submit both of the following with its
- 2 application:
- 3 (a) An audited balance sheet that contains an unqualified
- 4 opinion of an independent certified public accountant issued not
- 5 more than 35 days before the application date that states whether
- 6 the applicant is in compliance with the net worth requirements
- 7 under subsection (7).
- **8** (b) Copies of all offering materials sent by the applicant
- 9 to potential certified investors or drafts of offering
- 10 materials.
- 11 (9) At least 2 principals of the certified capital company
- 12 or a person employed to manage the funds of the certified capital
- 13 company shall have not less than 2 years of experience in the
- 14 venture capital industry.
- 15 (10) Any offering material involving the sale of securities
- 16 of the certified capital company shall include the following
- 17 statement:
- 18 "By authorizing the formation of a certified capital com-
- 19 pany, this state does not necessarily endorse the quality of man-
- 20 agement or the potential for earnings of that company and is not
- 21 liable for damages or losses to a certified investor in the
- 22 company. Use of the word "certified" in an offering does not
- 23 constitute a recommendation or endorsement of the investment by
- 24 the office of financial and insurance services.
- 25 Investments in a prospective certified capital company prior
- 26 to the time the company is certified are not eligible for tax
- 27 credits. If any provision of this act is violated, the state may

- 1 require forfeiture of unused tax credits and repayment of used
- 2 tax credits.".
- 3 (11) Within 30 days after the application is filed, the
- 4 department shall issue a certification as a certified capital
- 5 company or shall refuse to issue a certification as a certified
- 6 capital company. If the department refuses to issue a certifica-
- 7 tion as a certified capital company, the department shall commu-
- 8 nicate in detail to the applicant the grounds for the refusal,
- 9 including suggestions for remediation.
- 10 (12) The department shall review all applications in the
- 11 order in which they are received by the department. If the
- 12 department receives more than 1 application on the same day, the
- 13 department shall consider the applications to have been received
- 14 simultaneously, except that an application that is incomplete or
- 15 an application for which the department has requested additional
- 16 information and that information has not been provided within a
- 17 reasonable time as determined by the department, is considered to
- 18 have been received on the date that the additional information is
- 19 submitted rather than on the date that the application was origi-
- 20 nally submitted.
- 21 (13) No insurance company or any affiliate of an insurance
- 22 company shall do any of the following:
- 23 (a) Directly or indirectly beneficially own, whether through
- 24 rights, options, or convertible interests, 10% or more of the
- 25 equity securities of a certified capital company.
- 26 (b) Manage a certified capital company.

- 1 (c) Control the direction of investments for a certified
- 2 capital company.
- 3 (14) A certified capital company may obtain a guaranty,
- 4 indemnity, bond, insurance policy, or other payment undertaking
- 5 for the benefit of its certified investors from any entity pro-
- 6 vided that in no case shall more than 1 certified investor of a
- 7 certified capital company or affiliate of that certified investor
- 8 be entitled to provide the guaranty, indemnity, bond, insurance
- 9 policy, or other payment undertaking for the benefit of the cer-
- 10 tified investors of the certified capital company and its affili-
- 11 ates in this state.
- 12 (15) Subsection (13) does not preclude a certified investor,
- 13 insurance company, or any other party from exercising its legal
- 14 rights and remedies, including interim management of a certified
- 15 capital company, in the event that a certified capital company is
- 16 in default of its statutory obligations or its contractual obli-
- 17 gations to a certified investor, insurance company, or other
- 18 party.
- 19 Sec. 5. (1) A certified capital company shall make quali-
- 20 fied investments according to the following schedule:
- 21 (a) Within 3 years after its allocation date, a certified
- 22 capital company shall have made qualified investments cumula-
- 23 tively equal to at least 30% of its certified capital.
- 24 (b) Within 5 years after its allocation date, a certified
- 25 capital company shall have made qualified investments cumula-
- 26 tively equal to at least 50% of its certified capital.

- 1 (c) All certified capital not placed in qualified
- 2 investments by the certified capital company may be held or
- 3 invested in a manner that the certified capital company, in its
- 4 discretion, considers appropriate. Invested funds returned to a
- 5 certified capital company after being originally placed in quali-
- 6 fied investments may be placed again in qualified investments and
- 7 shall count toward any requirement of this act with respect to
- 8 making qualified investments with certified capital.
- 9 (2) Any business that is classified as a qualified business
- 10 at the time of the first investment in that business by a certi-
- 11 fied capital company shall remain classified as a qualified busi-
- 12 ness and may receive follow-on investments from any certified
- 13 capital company, and the follow-on investments shall constitute
- 14 qualified investments, even though the business may not meet the
- 15 definition of a qualified business at the time of the follow-on
- 16 investments.
- 17 (3) No qualified investment shall be made at a cost to a
- 18 certified capital company greater than 15% of the total certified
- 19 capital of the certified capital company at the time of
- 20 investment.
- 21 (4) Of the qualified investments made by a certified capital
- 22 company, not less than 20% shall be in early stage qualified
- 23 businesses engaged in high-technology activity as determined by
- 24 the Michigan economic development corporation.
- 25 (5) The aggregate cumulative amount of all qualified invest-
- 26 ments made by the certified capital company from its allocation

- 1 date will be considered in the calculation of the percentage
- 2 requirements under this act.
- 3 (6) Each certified capital company shall report all of the
- 4 following to the department and to the Michigan economic develop-
- 5 ment corporation:
- **6** (a) As soon as practicable after the receipt of certified
- 7 capital, the name of each certified investor from which the cer-
- 8 tified capital was received, including the certified investor's
- 9 tax identification number, the amount of each certified
- 10 investor's investment of certified capital and tax credits, and
- 11 the date on which the certified capital was received.
- 12 (b) On or before January 31 of each year, the amount of the
- 13 certified capital company's certified capital at the end of the
- 14 immediately preceding calendar year, whether or not the certified
- 15 capital company has invested more than 15% of its total certified
- 16 capital in any 1 business, and all qualified investments that the
- 17 certified capital company made during the immediately preceding
- 18 calendar year.
- 19 (c) Within 90 days after the close of each fiscal year of
- 20 the certified capital company, an audited financial statement
- 21 which shall include the opinion of an independent certified
- 22 public accountant. The audit shall address the methods of opera-
- 23 tion and conduct of the business of the certified capital company
- 24 to determine if the certified capital company is complying with
- 25 applicable statutes and rules and that the funds received by the
- 26 certified capital company have been invested as required under
- 27 this act.

- 1 (d) On or before January 31 of each year, each certified
- 2 capital company shall pay an annual, nonrefundable certification
- 3 fee of \$5,000.00 to the department, which shall not be required
- 4 to be paid if the due date falls within 6 months of the initial
- 5 allocation date of a certified capital company.
- 6 (e) On or before January 31 of each year, an annual report
- 7 of the economic impact of the investments made by the certified
- 8 capital company in the immediately preceding calendar year with
- 9 specific identification of the investment in qualified businesses
- 10 engaged in high-technology activity.
- 11 Sec. 6. (1) Before making a proposed investment in a spe-
- 12 cific business, a certified capital company may request a written
- 13 opinion from the department as to whether the business in which
- 14 the certified capital company proposes to invest is a qualified
- 15 business and if the request is made in writing by a certified
- 16 capital company, an opinion as to whether the business in which
- 17 the certified capital company proposes to invest is an early
- 18 stage business engaged in high-technology activity.
- 19 (2) The department shall notify the certified capital com-
- 20 pany of its opinion not more than 10 days after the request is
- **21** made.
- 22 (3) If the department determines that the business does not
- 23 meet the definition of a qualified business, the department shall
- 24 provide the certified capital company with an explanation of its
- 25 determination. If the department determines that the business is
- 26 not an early stage business engaged in high-technology activity
- 27 and if the certified capital company requests an explanation, the

- 1 department shall provide the certified capital company with an
- 2 explanation of its determination.
- **3** (4) If the department fails to respond within the 10-day
- 4 period allowed under this section to a request for an opinion as
- 5 to whether a business is a qualified business, the business is
- 6 considered a qualified business for purposes of this act. If the
- 7 department fails to respond within the 10-day period allowed
- 8 under this section to a request for an opinion whether a business
- 9 is an early stage business engaged in high-technology activity,
- 10 the business is considered an early stage business engaged in
- 11 high-technology activity for purposes of this act.
- 12 (5) The department may determine that a business is a quali-
- 13 fied business or an early stage business engaged in
- 14 high-technology activity for purposes of this act even if the
- 15 business does not meet the definition contained in the act if the
- 16 department determines that an investment in the business by a
- 17 certified capital company would further economic development in
- 18 this state.
- 19 (6) Each applicant shall certify in the application form
- 20 that it has contacted the Michigan economic development corpora-
- 21 tion for information identifying businesses or industries in this
- 22 state that are or may be eligible for qualified investments based
- 23 on the likelihood that those businesses or industries will qual-
- 24 ify as a qualified business or an early stage business engaged in
- 25 high-technology activity and for which this state may have sig-
- 26 nificant location or structural advantages.

- 1 Sec. 7. (1) A certified capital company may make qualified
- 2 distributions at any time.
- 3 (2) In order to make a distribution or payment from certi-
- 4 fied capital other than a qualified distribution or a distribu-
- 5 tion or payment permitted under subsection (3), a certified capi-
- 6 tal company must have made qualified investments in an amount
- 7 cumulatively equal to 100% of its certified capital with at least
- 8 20% of its certified capital invested in early stage businesses
- 9 engaged in high-technology activity.
- 10 (3) Payments to debt holders of a certified capital company
- 11 may be made without restriction with respect to repayments of
- 12 principal and interest on indebtedness owed to them by a certi-
- 13 fied capital company, including indebtedness of the certified
- 14 capital company on which certified investors earned tax credits.
- 15 A debt holder that is also a certified investor or equity holder
- 16 of a certified capital company may receive payments with respect
- 17 to the debt without restrictions.
- 18 Sec. 8. (1) The department shall conduct an annual review
- 19 of each certified capital company to determine if the certified
- 20 capital company is abiding by the requirements of certification,
- 21 to advise the certified capital company as to the eligibility
- 22 status of its qualified investments, and to ensure that its
- 23 investments have not been made in violation of this act. The
- 24 department shall not charge more than \$5,000.00 for the annual
- 25 review and shall be paid by each certified capital company.
- 26 (2) Any material violation of section 5 is grounds for
- 27 decertification of a certified capital company. If the

- 1 department determines that a certified capital company is not in
- 2 compliance with section 5, the department shall, by written
- 3 notice, inform the officers of the certified capital company that
- 4 the certified capital company may be subject to decertification
- 5 in 120 days from the date of mailing of the notice unless the
- 6 deficiencies are corrected and the certified capital company is
- 7 again in compliance with all requirements for certification.
- 8 (3) At the end of the 120-day period under subsection (2),
- 9 if the certified capital company is still not in compliance with
- 10 section 5, the department may send a notice of decertification to
- 11 the certified capital company and to all other appropriate state
- 12 agencies.
- 13 (4) Decertification of a certified capital company may cause
- 14 the recapture of tax credits previously claimed and the forfei-
- 15 ture of future tax credits to be claimed by certified investors
- 16 with respect to the certified capital company, as follows:
- 17 (a) Decertification of a certified capital company before
- 18 the certified capital company has met the requirements of
- 19 section 5(1)(a) shall cause the recapture of all tax credits pre-
- 20 viously claimed and the forfeiture of all future tax credits to
- 21 be claimed by certified investors with respect to the certified
- 22 capital company.
- 23 (b) If after initial certification a certified capital com-
- 24 pany subsequently fails to meet the requirements for certifica-
- 25 tion under section 5(1)(b) after having met the requirements for
- 26 certification under section 5(1)(a), 30% of the tax credits
- 27 claimed by or allocated to each investor of the certified capital

- 1 company will not be subject to recapture or forfeiture; however,
- 2 70% of the tax credits claimed by or allocated to each certified
- 3 investor of the certified capital company shall be subject to
- 4 recapture or forfeiture.
- 5 (c) If a certified capital company has met all requirements
- 6 for certification under section 5(1)(a) and (b) and is subse-
- 7 quently decertified, 50% of the tax credits claimed by or allo-
- 8 cated to the certified capital company will not be subject to
- 9 recapture or forfeiture. However, 50% of the tax credits claimed
- 10 by or allocated to each certified investor of the certified capi-
- 11 tal company shall be subject to recapture or to forfeiture if the
- 12 certified capital company is decertified within 3 years after its
- 13 allocation date.
- 14 (d) If a certified capital company has invested an amount
- 15 cumulatively equal to 100% of its certified capital in qualified
- 16 investments, all tax credits claimed or to be claimed by its cer-
- 17 tified investors are no longer subject to recapture or
- 18 forfeiture.
- 19 (5) If a certified capital company has invested an amount
- 20 cumulatively equal to 100% of its certified capital in qualified
- 21 investments and has met all other requirements under this act,
- 22 the certified capital company is no longer subject to regulation
- 23 by the department and is no longer subject to the requirements of
- 24 this act.
- 25 (6) The department shall send written notice to the address
- 26 of each certified investor whose tax credit has been subject to

- 1 recapture or forfeiture using the address shown on the last tax
- 2 filing.
- 3 Sec. 9. A tax credit claimed by or allocated to a certified
- 4 investor under this act may be transferred or sold only to a cer-
- 5 tified investor or an affiliate of a certified investor. Any
- 6 transfer or sale does not affect the time schedule for taking the
- 7 tax credits as provided in this act. Any tax credit amount
- 8 recaptured pursuant to section 8 shall be the liability of the
- 9 taxpayer that actually claimed the tax credit.