

# HOUSE BILL No. 4805

June 4, 2003, Introduced by Reps. Kolb, Gielegem, Rivet, Meisner, O'Neil, Condino, Lipsey, Gleason, Jamnick, Hopgood, Williams, Minore, Clack, Zelenko, Anderson, Woodward, Accavitti, Wojno, Paletko, Tobocman, Elkins, Vagnozzi, Hardman, Gillard, Cheeks, Brown, Law, Hunter, Whitmer and Phillips and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Environment.

A bill to create an office of land preservation and urban revitalization and prescribe its powers and duties.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1       Sec. 1. As used in this act, "smart growth" means  
2 development patterns that promote healthy communities, make  
3 efficient use of land, and accommodate and effectively serve  
4 future population growth through all of the following methods:
- 5       (a) Promoting mixed land uses.
  - 6       (b) Utilizing compact building designs.
  - 7       (c) Creating a range of housing opportunities and choices.
  - 8       (d) Creating pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods.
  - 9       (e) Fostering distinctive, attractive communities with a  
10 strong sense of place.
  - 11       (f) Preserving open space, farmland, natural beauty, and  
12 critical environmental areas.

1 (g) Directing development towards and strengthening existing  
2 communities.

3 (h) Providing a variety of transportation choices.

4 (i) Making development decisions predictable, fair, and  
5 cost-effective.

6 (j) Encouraging communities and interested parties to  
7 collaborate in determining development designs.

8 Sec. 2. The office of land preservation and urban  
9 revitalization is created in the department of consumer and  
10 industry services.

11 Sec. 3. The office of land preservation and urban  
12 revitalization shall do all of the following:

13 (a) Act as a clearinghouse for model zoning ordinances and  
14 other zoning policy initiatives that promote smart growth.

15 (b) Offer technical assistance about smart growth to local  
16 officials and bodies, planners, and other interested persons.

17 (c) Assist state departments or agencies to coordinate state  
18 programs that affect land use and to administer such programs in  
19 a manner that promotes smart growth.