

# HOUSE BILL No. 5991

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A bill to amend 1975 PA 228, entitled  
"Single business tax act,"  
by amending section 38g (MCL 208.38g), as amended by 2006 PA 112.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 38g. (1) Subject to the criteria under this section, an  
2       eligible taxpayer may claim a credit against the tax imposed by  
3       this act as determined under subsections (20) to (25); and subject  
4       to the criteria under this section, a qualified taxpayer that has a  
5       preapproval letter issued after December 31, 1999 and before  
6       January 1, 2008, provided that the project is completed not more  
7       than 5 years after the preapproval letter for the project is  
8       issued, or an assignee under subsection (17) or (18) or section 35e  
9       may claim a credit that has been approved under subsection (2),

1 (3), or (33) against the tax imposed by this act equal to either of  
2 the following:

3 (a) If the total of all credits for a project is \$1,000,000.00  
4 or less, 10% of the cost of the qualified taxpayer's eligible  
5 investment paid or accrued by the qualified taxpayer on an eligible  
6 property provided that the project does not exceed the amount  
7 stated in the preapproval letter. If eligible investment exceeds  
8 the amount of eligible investment in the preapproval letter for  
9 that project, the total of all credits for the project shall not  
10 exceed the total of all credits on the certificate of completion.

11 (b) If the total of all credits for a project is more than  
12 \$1,000,000.00 but \$30,000,000.00 or less and, except as provided in  
13 subsection (5)(b), the project is located in a qualified local  
14 governmental unit, a percentage as determined by the Michigan  
15 economic growth authority not to exceed 10% of the cost of the  
16 qualified taxpayer's eligible investment as determined under  
17 subsection (8) paid or accrued by the qualified taxpayer on an  
18 eligible property. If eligible investment exceeds the amount of  
19 eligible investment in the preapproval letter for that project, the  
20 total of all credits for the project shall not exceed the total of  
21 all credits on the certificate of completion.

22 (2) If the cost of a project will be for more than  
23 \$2,000,000.00 but \$10,000,000.00 or less, a qualified taxpayer  
24 shall apply to the Michigan economic growth authority for approval  
25 of the project under this subsection. An application under this  
26 subsection shall state whether the project is a multiphase project.  
27 The chairperson of the Michigan economic growth authority or his or

1 her designee is authorized to approve an application or project  
2 under this subsection. Only the chairperson of the Michigan  
3 economic growth authority is authorized to deny an application or  
4 project under this subsection. A project shall be approved or  
5 denied not more than 45 days after receipt of the application. If  
6 the chairperson of the Michigan economic growth authority or his or  
7 her designee does not approve or deny an application within 45 days  
8 after the application is received by the Michigan economic growth  
9 authority, the application is considered approved as written. The  
10 total of all credits for all projects approved under this  
11 subsection shall not exceed \$30,000,000.00 in any calendar year.  
12 After the first full calendar year after the effective date of the  
13 amendatory act that added subsection (33), if the authority  
14 approves a total of all credits for all projects under this  
15 subsection of less than \$30,000,000.00 in a calendar year, the  
16 authority may carry forward for 1 year only the difference between  
17 \$30,000,000.00 and the total of all credits for all projects  
18 approved under this subsection in the immediately preceding  
19 calendar year. The criteria in subsection (6) shall be used when  
20 approving projects under this subsection. When approving projects  
21 under this subsection, priority shall be given to projects on a  
22 facility. The total of all credits for an approved project under  
23 this subsection shall not exceed \$1,000,000.00. A taxpayer may  
24 apply under this subsection instead of subsection (3) for approval  
25 of a project that will be for more than \$10,000,000.00 but the  
26 total of all credits for that project shall not exceed  
27 \$1,000,000.00. If the chairperson of the Michigan economic growth

1 authority or his or her designee approves a project under this  
2 subsection, the chairperson of the Michigan economic growth  
3 authority or his or her designee shall issue a preapproval letter  
4 that states that the taxpayer is a qualified taxpayer; the maximum  
5 total eligible investment for the project on which credits may be  
6 claimed and the maximum total of all credits for the project when  
7 the project is completed and a certificate of completion is issued;  
8 and the project number assigned by the Michigan economic growth  
9 authority. If a project is denied under this subsection, a taxpayer  
10 is not prohibited from subsequently applying under this subsection  
11 or subsection (3) for the same project or for another project.

12 (3) If the cost of a project will be for more than  
13 \$10,000,000.00 and, except as provided in subsection (5)(b), the  
14 project is located in a qualified local governmental unit, a  
15 qualified taxpayer shall apply to the Michigan economic growth  
16 authority for approval of the project. An application under this  
17 subsection shall state whether the project is a multiphase project.  
18 The Michigan economic growth authority shall approve or deny the  
19 project not more than 65 days after receipt of the application. A  
20 project under this subsection shall not be approved without the  
21 concurrence of the state treasurer. If the Michigan economic growth  
22 authority does not approve or deny the application within 65 days  
23 after it receives the application, the Michigan economic growth  
24 authority shall send the application to the state treasurer. The  
25 state treasurer shall approve or deny the application within 5 days  
26 after receipt of the application. If the state treasurer does not  
27 deny the application within the 5 days after receipt of the

1 application, the application is considered approved. The Michigan  
2 economic growth authority shall approve a limited number of  
3 projects under this subsection during each calendar year as  
4 provided in subsection (5). The Michigan economic growth authority  
5 shall use the criteria in subsection (6) when approving projects  
6 under this subsection, when determining the total amount of  
7 eligible investment, and when determining the percentage of  
8 eligible investment for the project to be used to calculate a  
9 credit. The total of all credits for an approved project under this  
10 subsection shall not exceed the amount designated in the  
11 preapproval letter for that project. If the Michigan economic  
12 growth authority approves a project under this subsection, the  
13 Michigan economic growth authority shall issue a preapproval letter  
14 that states that the taxpayer is a qualified taxpayer; the  
15 percentage of eligible investment for the project determined by the  
16 Michigan economic growth authority for purposes of subsection  
17 (1)(b); the maximum total eligible investment for the project on  
18 which credits may be claimed and the maximum total of all credits  
19 for the project when the project is completed and a certificate of  
20 completion is issued; and the project number assigned by the  
21 Michigan economic growth authority. The Michigan economic growth  
22 authority shall send a copy of the preapproval letter to the  
23 department. If a project is denied under this subsection, a  
24 taxpayer is not prohibited from subsequently applying under this  
25 subsection or subsection (2) for the same project or for another  
26 project.

27 (4) If the project is on property that is functionally

1   obsolete, the taxpayer shall include, with the application, an  
2   affidavit signed by a level 3 or level 4 assessor, that states that  
3   it is the assessor's expert opinion that the property is  
4   functionally obsolete and the underlying basis for that opinion.

5       (5) The Michigan economic growth authority may approve not  
6   more than 17 projects each calendar year under subsection (3), and  
7   the following limitations apply:

8       (a) Of the 17 projects allowed under this subsection, the  
9   total of all credits for each project may be more than  
10   \$10,000,000.00 but \$30,000,000.00 or less for up to 2 projects.

11       (b) Of the 17 projects allowed under this subsection, up to 3  
12   projects may be approved for projects that are not in a qualified  
13   local governmental unit if the property is a facility for which  
14   eligible activities are identified in a brownfield plan or, for 1  
15   of the 3 projects, if the property is not a facility but is  
16   functionally obsolete or blighted, property identified in a  
17   brownfield plan. For purposes of this subdivision, a facility  
18   includes a building or complex of buildings that was used by a  
19   state or federal agency and that is no longer being used for the  
20   purpose for which it was used by the state or federal agency.

21       (c) Of the 2 projects allowed under subdivision (a), 1 may be  
22   a project that also qualifies under subdivision (b).

23       (6) The Michigan economic growth authority shall review all  
24   applications for projects under subsection (3) and, if an  
25   application is approved, shall determine the maximum total of all  
26   credits for that project. Before approving a project for which the  
27   total of all credits will be more than \$10,000,000.00 but

1 \$30,000,000.00 or less only, the Michigan economic growth authority  
2 shall determine that the project would not occur in this state  
3 without the tax credit offered under subsection (3), except that  
4 the Michigan economic growth authority may approve 1 project the  
5 construction of which began after January 1, 2000 and before  
6 January 1, 2001 without determining that the eligible investment  
7 would not occur in this state without the tax credit offered under  
8 this section. The Michigan economic growth authority shall consider  
9 the following criteria to the extent reasonably applicable to the  
10 type of project proposed when approving a project under subsection  
11 (3) and the chairperson of the Michigan economic growth authority  
12 or his or her designee shall consider the following criteria to the  
13 extent reasonably applicable to the type of project proposed when  
14 approving a project under subsection (2) or (33) or when  
15 considering an amendment to a project under subsection (31):

16 (a) The overall benefit to the public.

17 (b) The extent of reuse of vacant buildings and redevelopment  
18 of blighted property.

19 (c) Creation of jobs.

20 (d) Whether the eligible property is in an area of high  
21 unemployment.

22 (e) The level and extent of contamination alleviated by the  
23 qualified taxpayer's eligible activities to the extent known to the  
24 qualified taxpayer.

25 (f) The level of private sector contribution.

26 (g) The cost gap that exists between the site and a similar  
27 greenfield site as determined by the Michigan economic growth

1 authority.

2 (h) If the qualified taxpayer is moving from another location  
3 in this state, whether the move will create a brownfield.

4 (i) Whether the financial statements of the qualified taxpayer  
5 indicate that it is financially sound and that the project is  
6 economically sound.

7 (j) Any other criteria that the Michigan economic growth  
8 authority or the chairperson of the Michigan economic growth  
9 authority, as applicable, considers appropriate for the  
10 determination of eligibility under subsection (2) or (3).

11 (7) A qualified taxpayer may apply for projects under  
12 subsection (2), (3), or (33) for eligible investment on more than 1  
13 eligible property in a tax year. Each project approved and each  
14 project for which a certificate of completion is issued under this  
15 section shall be for eligible investment on 1 eligible property.

16 (8) When a project under subsection (2), (3), or (33) is  
17 completed, the taxpayer shall submit documentation that the project  
18 is completed, an accounting of the cost of the project, the  
19 eligible investment of each taxpayer if there is more than 1  
20 taxpayer eligible for a credit for the project, and, if the  
21 taxpayer is not the owner or lessee of the eligible property on  
22 which the eligible investment was made at the time the project is  
23 completed, that the taxpayer was the owner or lessee of that  
24 eligible property when all eligible investment of the taxpayer was  
25 made. The chairperson of the Michigan economic growth authority or  
26 his or her designee, for projects approved under subsection (2) or  
27 (33), or the Michigan economic growth authority, for projects



1 approved under subsection (3), shall verify that the project is  
2 completed. The Michigan economic growth authority shall conduct an  
3 on-site inspection as part of the verification process for projects  
4 approved under subsection (3). When the completion of the project  
5 is verified, a certificate of completion shall be issued to each  
6 qualified taxpayer that has made eligible investment on that  
7 eligible property. The certificate of completion shall state the  
8 total amount of all credits for the project and that total shall  
9 not exceed the maximum total of all credits listed in the

10 preapproval letter for the project under subsection (2) or (3) or  
11 section 35c as applicable and shall state all of the following:

12 (a) That the taxpayer is a qualified taxpayer.

13 (b) The total cost of the project and the eligible investment  
14 of each qualified taxpayer.

15 (c) Each qualified taxpayer's credit amount.

16 (d) The qualified taxpayer's federal employer identification  
17 number or the Michigan treasury number assigned to the taxpayer.

18 (e) The project number.

19 (f) For a project approved under subsection (3) for which the  
20 total of all credits is more than \$10,000,000.00 but \$30,000,000.00  
21 or less, the total of all credits and the schedule on which the  
22 annual credit amount shall be claimed by the qualified taxpayer.

23 (g) For a multiphase project under subsection (32), the amount  
24 of each credit assigned and the amount of all credits claimed in  
25 each tax year before the year in which the project is completed.

26 (9) Except as otherwise provided in this section, qualified  
27 taxpayers shall claim credits under subsections (2), (3), and (33)

1 in the tax year in which the certificate of completion is issued.  
2 For a project approved under subsection (3) for which the total of  
3 all credits is more than \$10,000,000.00 but \$30,000,000.00 or less,  
4 the qualified taxpayer shall claim 10% of its approved credit each  
5 year for 10 years. A credit assigned based on a multiphase project  
6 shall be claimed in the year in which the credit is assigned.

7 (10) The cost of eligible investment for leased machinery,  
8 equipment, or fixtures is the cost of that property had the  
9 property been purchased minus the lessor's estimate, made at the  
10 time the lease is entered into, of the market value the property  
11 will have at the end of the lease. A credit for property described  
12 in this subsection is allowed only if the cost of that property had  
13 the property been purchased and the lessor's estimate of the market  
14 value at the end of the lease are provided to the Michigan economic  
15 growth authority.

16 (11) For credits under subsections (2) and (3), credits  
17 claimed by a lessee of eligible property are subject to the total  
18 of all credits limitation under this section.

19 (12) Each qualified taxpayer and assignee under subsection  
20 (17) or (18) or section 35e that claims a credit under subsection  
21 (1)(a) or (b) or (33) shall attach a copy of the certificate of  
22 completion and, if the credit was assigned, a copy of the  
23 assignment form provided for under this section to the annual  
24 return filed under this act on which the credit under subsection  
25 (2), (3), or (33) is claimed. An assignee of a credit based on a  
26 multiphase project shall attach a copy of the assignment form  
27 provided for under this section and the component completion

1 certificate provided for in subsection (32) to the annual return  
2 filed under this act on which the credit is claimed but is not  
3 required to file a copy of a certificate of completion.

4 (13) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection or  
5 subsection (15), (17), (18), or (32) or section 35e, a credit under  
6 subsection (2), (3), or (33) shall be claimed in the tax year in  
7 which the certificate of completion is issued to the qualified  
8 taxpayer. For a project described in subsection (8)(f) for which a  
9 schedule for claiming annual credit amounts is designated on the  
10 certificate of completion by the Michigan economic growth  
11 authority, the annual credit amount shall be claimed in the tax  
12 year specified on the certificate of completion.

13 (14) The credits approved under this section shall be  
14 calculated after application of all other credits allowed under  
15 this act. The credits under subsections (2), (3), and (33) shall be  
16 calculated before the calculation of credits under subsections (20)  
17 to (25) and before the credits under sections 37c and 37d.

18 (15) If the credit allowed under subsection (2), (3), or (33)  
19 for the tax year and any unused carryforward of the credit allowed  
20 under subsection (2), (3), or (33) exceed the qualified taxpayer's  
21 or assignee's tax liability for the tax year, that portion that  
22 exceeds the tax liability for the tax year shall not be refunded  
23 but may be carried forward to offset tax liability in subsequent  
24 tax years for 10 years or until used up, whichever occurs first.  
25 Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the maximum time  
26 allowed under the carryforward provisions under this subsection  
27 begins with the tax year in which the certificate of completion is

1 issued to the qualified taxpayer. If the qualified taxpayer assigns  
2 all or any portion of its credit approved under subsection (2),  
3 (3), or (33), the maximum time allowed under the carryforward  
4 provisions for an assignee begins to run with the tax year in which  
5 the assignment is made and the assignee first claims a credit,  
6 which shall be the same tax year. The maximum time allowed under  
7 the carryforward provisions for an annual credit amount for a  
8 credit allowed under subsection (3) begins to run in the tax year  
9 for which the annual credit amount is designated on the certificate  
10 of completion issued under this section.

11 (16) If a project or credit under subsection (2), (3), or (33)  
12 is for the addition of personal property, if the cost of that  
13 personal property is used to calculate a credit under subsection  
14 (2), (3), or (33), and if the personal property is sold or disposed  
15 of or transferred from eligible property to any other location, the  
16 qualified taxpayer that sold, disposed of, or transferred the  
17 personal property shall add the same percentage as determined  
18 pursuant to subsection (1) of the federal basis of the personal  
19 property used for determining gain or loss as of the date of the  
20 sale, disposition, or transfer to the qualified taxpayer's tax  
21 liability after application of all credits under this act for the  
22 tax year in which the sale, disposition, or transfer occurs. If a  
23 qualified taxpayer has an unused carryforward of a credit under  
24 subsection (2), (3), or (33), the amount otherwise added under this  
25 subsection to the qualified taxpayer's tax liability may instead be  
26 used to reduce the qualified taxpayer's carryforward under  
27 subsection (15).

1           (17) For credits under subsection (2), (3), or (33) for  
2 projects for which a certificate of completion is issued before  
3 January 1, 2006 and except as otherwise provided in this  
4 subsection, if a qualified taxpayer pays or accrues eligible  
5 investment on or to an eligible property that is leased for a  
6 minimum term of 10 years or sold to another taxpayer for use in a  
7 business activity, the qualified taxpayer may assign all or a  
8 portion of the credit based on that eligible investment to the  
9 lessee or purchaser of that eligible property. A credit assignment  
10 under this subsection shall only be made to a taxpayer that when  
11 the assignment is complete will be a qualified taxpayer. All credit  
12 assignments under this subsection are irrevocable and, except for a  
13 credit based on a multiphase project, shall be made in the tax year  
14 in which the certificate of completion is issued, unless the  
15 assignee is an unknown lessee. If a qualified taxpayer wishes to  
16 assign all or a portion of its credit to a lessee but the lessee is  
17 unknown in the tax year in which the certificate of completion is  
18 issued, the qualified taxpayer may delay claiming and assigning the  
19 credit until the first tax year in which the lessee is known. A  
20 qualified taxpayer may claim a portion of a credit and assign the  
21 remaining credit amount. Except as otherwise provided in this  
22 subsection, if the qualified taxpayer both claims and assigns  
23 portions of the credit, the qualified taxpayer shall claim the  
24 portion it claims in the tax year in which the certificate of  
25 completion is issued or for a credit assigned and claimed for a  
26 multiphase project before a certificate of completion is issued,  
27 the taxpayer shall claim the credit in the year in which the credit

1 is assigned. If a qualified taxpayer assigns all or a portion of  
2 the credit and the eligible property is leased to more than 1  
3 taxpayer, the qualified taxpayer shall determine the amount of  
4 credit assigned to each lessee. A lessee shall not subsequently  
5 assign a credit or any portion of a credit assigned under this  
6 subsection. A purchaser may subsequently assign a credit or any  
7 portion of a credit assigned to the purchaser under this subsection  
8 to a lessee of the eligible property. The credit assignment under  
9 this subsection shall be made on a form prescribed by the Michigan  
10 economic growth authority. The qualified taxpayer shall send a copy  
11 of the completed assignment form to the Michigan economic growth  
12 authority in the tax year in which the assignment is made. The  
13 assignee shall attach a copy of the completed assignment form to  
14 its annual return required to be filed under this act, for the tax  
15 year in which the assignment is made and the assignee first claims  
16 a credit, which shall be the same tax year. In addition to all  
17 other procedures under this subsection, the following apply if the  
18 total of all credits for a project is more than \$10,000,000.00 but  
19 \$30,000,000.00 or less:

20 (a) The credit shall be assigned based on the schedule  
21 contained in the certificate of completion.

22 (b) If the qualified taxpayer assigns all or a portion of the  
23 credit amount, the qualified taxpayer shall assign the annual  
24 credit amount for each tax year separately.

25 (c) More than 1 annual credit amount may be assigned to any 1  
26 assignee and the qualified taxpayer may assign all or a portion of  
27 each annual credit amount to any assignee.

1 (d) The qualified taxpayer shall not assign more than the  
2 annual credit amount for each tax year.

3 (18) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, for  
4 projects for which a certificate of completion is issued before  
5 January 1, 2006, if a qualified taxpayer is a partnership, limited  
6 liability company, or subchapter S corporation, the qualified  
7 taxpayer may assign all or a portion of a credit allowed under  
8 subsection (2) or (3) to its partners, members, or shareholders,  
9 based on their proportionate share of ownership of the partnership,  
10 limited liability company, or subchapter S corporation or based on  
11 an alternative method approved by the Michigan economic growth  
12 authority. A credit assignment under this subsection is irrevocable  
13 and, except for a credit assignment based on a multiphase project,  
14 shall be made in the tax year in which a certificate of completion  
15 is issued. A qualified taxpayer may claim a portion of a credit and  
16 assign the remaining credit amount. If the qualified taxpayer both  
17 claims and assigns portions of the credit, the qualified taxpayer  
18 shall claim the portion it claims in the tax year in which a  
19 certificate of completion is issued. A partner, member, or  
20 shareholder that is an assignee shall not subsequently assign a  
21 credit or any portion of a credit assigned under this subsection.  
22 The credit assignment under this subsection shall be made on a form  
23 prescribed by the Michigan economic growth authority. The qualified  
24 taxpayer shall send a copy of the completed assignment form to the  
25 Michigan economic growth authority in the tax year in which the  
26 assignment is made. A partner, member, or shareholder who is an  
27 assignee shall attach a copy of the completed assignment form to

1 its annual return required under this act, for the tax year in  
2 which the assignment is made and the assignee first claims a  
3 credit, which shall be the same tax year. A credit assignment based  
4 on a credit for a component of a multiphase project that is  
5 completed before January 1, 2006 shall be made under this  
6 subsection. A credit assignment based on a credit for a component  
7 of a multiphase project that is completed on or after January 1,  
8 2006 may be made under this section or section 35e. In addition to  
9 all other procedures under this subsection, the following apply if  
10 the total of all credits for a project is more than \$10,000,000.00  
11 but \$30,000,000.00 or less:

12 (a) The credit shall be assigned based on the schedule  
13 contained in the certificate of completion.

14 (b) If the qualified taxpayer assigns all or a portion of the  
15 credit amount, the qualified taxpayer shall assign the annual  
16 credit amount for each tax year separately.

17 (c) More than 1 annual credit amount may be assigned to any 1  
18 assignee and the qualified taxpayer may assign all or a portion of  
19 each annual credit amount to any assignee.

20 (d) The qualified taxpayer shall not assign more than the  
21 annual credit amount for each tax year.

22 (19) A qualified taxpayer or assignee under subsection (17) or  
23 (18) shall not claim a credit under subsection (1)(a) or (b) based  
24 on eligible investment on which a credit claimed under section 38d  
25 was based.

26 (20) In addition to the other credits allowed under this  
27 section and sections 37c and 37d, for tax years that begin after



1 December 31, 1999 and for a period of time not to exceed 20 years  
2 as determined by the Michigan economic growth authority, an  
3 eligible taxpayer may credit against the tax imposed by section 31  
4 the amount certified each year by the Michigan economic growth  
5 authority that is 1 of the following:

6 (a) For an eligible business under section 8(5)(a) of the  
7 Michigan economic growth authority act, 1995 PA 24, MCL 207.808, an  
8 amount that is not more than 50% of 1 or both of the following as  
9 determined by the Michigan economic growth authority:

10 (i) An amount determined under the Michigan economic growth  
11 authority act, 1995 PA 24, MCL 207.801 to 207.810, that does not  
12 exceed the payroll of the eligible taxpayer attributable to  
13 employees who perform retained jobs multiplied by the tax rate for  
14 the tax year.

15 (ii) The tax liability attributable to the eligible taxpayer's  
16 business activity multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which  
17 is the ratio of the value of new capital investment to all of the  
18 taxpayer's property located in this state plus the ratio of the  
19 taxpayer's payroll attributable to retained jobs to all of the  
20 taxpayer's payroll in this state and the denominator of which is 2.

21 (b) For an eligible business under section 8(5)(b) of the  
22 Michigan economic growth authority act, 1995 PA 24, MCL 207.808, an  
23 amount that is not more than 1 or both of the following as  
24 determined by the Michigan economic growth authority:

25 (i) An amount determined under the Michigan economic growth  
26 authority act, 1995 PA 24, MCL 207.801 to 207.810, that does not  
27 exceed the payroll of the eligible taxpayer attributable to

1 employees who perform retained jobs multiplied by the tax rate for  
2 the tax year.

3 (ii) The tax liability attributable to eligible taxpayer's  
4 business activity multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which  
5 is the ratio of the value of capital investment to all of the  
6 taxpayer's property located in this state plus the ratio of the  
7 taxpayer's payroll attributable to retained jobs to all of the  
8 taxpayer's payroll in this state and the denominator of which is 2.

9 (21) An eligible taxpayer shall not claim a credit under  
10 subsection (20) unless the Michigan economic growth authority has  
11 issued a certificate under section 9 of the Michigan economic  
12 growth authority act, 1995 PA 24, MCL 207.809, to the taxpayer. The  
13 eligible taxpayer shall attach the certificate to the return filed  
14 under this act on which a credit under subsection (20) is claimed.

15 (22) An affiliated group as defined in this act, a controlled  
16 group of corporations as defined in section 1563 of the internal  
17 revenue code and further described in 26 CFR 1.414(b)-1 and  
18 1.414(c)-1 to 1.414(c)-5, or an entity under common control as  
19 defined by the internal revenue code shall claim only 1 credit  
20 under subsection (20) for each tax year based on each written  
21 agreement whether or not a combined or consolidated return is  
22 filed.

23 (23) A credit shall not be claimed by a taxpayer under  
24 subsection (20) if the eligible taxpayer's initial certification  
25 under section 9 of the Michigan economic growth authority act, 1995  
26 PA 24, MCL 207.809, is issued after December 31, 2009. If the  
27 Michigan economic growth authority or a designee of the Michigan

1 economic growth authority requests that a taxpayer who claims the  
2 credit under subsection (20) get a statement prepared by a  
3 certified public accountant verifying that the actual number of new  
4 jobs created is the same number of new jobs used to calculate the  
5 credit under subsection (20), the taxpayer shall get the statement  
6 and attach that statement to its annual return under this act on  
7 which the credit under subsection (20) is claimed.

8 (24) If the credit allowed under subsection (20)(a)(ii) or  
9 (b)(ii) for the tax year and any unused carryforward of the credit  
10 allowed by subsection (20)(a)(ii) or (b)(ii) exceed the taxpayer's  
11 tax liability for the tax year, that portion that exceeds the tax  
12 liability for the tax year shall not be refunded but may be carried  
13 forward to offset tax liability in subsequent tax years for 10  
14 years or until used up, whichever occurs first.

15 (25) If the credit allowed under subsection (20)(a)(i) or  
16 (b)(i) exceeds the tax liability of the eligible taxpayer for the  
17 tax year, the excess shall be refunded to the eligible taxpayer.

18 (26) An eligible taxpayer that claims a credit under  
19 subsection (1)(a), (1)(b), or (33) is not prohibited from claiming  
20 a credit under subsection (20). However, the eligible taxpayer  
21 shall not claim a credit under subsection (1)(a), (1)(b), or (33)  
22 and subsection (20) based on the same costs.

23 (27) Eligible investment attributable or related to the  
24 operation of a professional sports stadium, and eligible investment  
25 that is associated or affiliated with the operation of a  
26 professional sports stadium, including, but not limited to, the  
27 operation of a parking lot or retail store, shall not be used as a

1 basis for a credit under subsection (2), (3), or (33). Professional  
2 sports stadium does not include a professional sports stadium that  
3 will no longer be used by a professional sports team on and after  
4 the date that an application related to that professional sports  
5 stadium is filed under subsection (2), (3), or (33).

6 (28) Eligible investment attributable or related to the  
7 operation of a casino, and eligible investment that is associated  
8 or affiliated with the operation of a casino, including, but not  
9 limited to, the operation of a parking lot, hotel, motel, or retail  
10 store, shall not be used as a basis for a credit under subsection  
11 (2), (3), or (33). As used in this subsection, "casino" means a  
12 casino regulated by this state pursuant to the Michigan gaming  
13 control and revenue act, the Initiated Law of 1996, MCL 432.201 to  
14 432.226.

15 (29) Eligible investment attributable or related to the  
16 construction of a new landfill or the expansion of an existing  
17 landfill regulated under part 115 of the natural resources and  
18 environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.11501 to  
19 324.11550, shall not be used as a basis for a credit under  
20 subsection (2), (3), or (33).

21 (30) The Michigan economic growth authority annually shall  
22 prepare and submit to the house of representatives and senate  
23 committees responsible for tax policy and economic development  
24 issues a report on the credits under subsection (2). The report  
25 shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following:

26 (a) A listing of the projects under subsection (2) that were  
27 approved in the calendar year.

1 (b) The total amount of eligible investment for projects  
2 approved under subsection (2) in the calendar year.

3 (31) If, after a taxpayer's project has been approved and the  
4 taxpayer has received a preapproval letter but before the project  
5 is completed, the taxpayer determines that the project cannot be  
6 completed as preapproved, the taxpayer may petition the Michigan  
7 economic growth authority to amend the project. The total of  
8 eligible investment for the project as amended shall not exceed the  
9 amount allowed in the preapproval letter for that project.

10 (32) A project under subsection (2), (3), or (33) may be a  
11 multiphase project but, for projects completed before January 1,  
12 2006, only if the project is an industrial or manufacturing  
13 project. If a project is a multiphase project, when each component  
14 of the multiphase project is completed, the taxpayer shall submit  
15 documentation that the component is complete, an accounting of the  
16 cost of the component, and the eligible investment for the  
17 component of each taxpayer eligible for a credit for the project of  
18 which the component is a part to the Michigan economic growth  
19 authority or the designee of the Michigan economic growth  
20 authority, who shall verify that the component is complete. When  
21 the completion of the component is verified, a component completion  
22 certificate shall be issued to the qualified taxpayer which shall  
23 state that the taxpayer is a qualified taxpayer, the credit amount  
24 for the component, the qualified taxpayer's federal employer  
25 identification number or the Michigan treasury number assigned to  
26 the taxpayer, and the project number. The taxpayer may assign all  
27 or part of the credit for a multiphase project as provided in this

1 section after a component completion certificate for a component is  
2 issued. The qualified taxpayer may transfer ownership of or lease  
3 the completed component and assign a proportionate share of the  
4 credit for the entire project to the qualified taxpayer that is the  
5 new owner or lessee. A multiphase project shall not be divided into  
6 more than 20 components. A component is considered to be completed  
7 when a certificate of occupancy has been issued by the local  
8 municipality in which the project is located for all of the  
9 buildings or facilities that comprise the completed component and a  
10 component completion certificate is issued. A credit assigned based  
11 on a multiphase project shall be claimed by the assignee in the tax  
12 year in which the assignment is made. The total of all credits for  
13 a multiphase project shall not exceed the amount stated in the  
14 preapproval letter for the project under subsection (1). If all  
15 components of a multiphase project are not completed by 10 years  
16 after the date on which the preapproval letter for the project was  
17 issued, the qualified taxpayer that received the preapproval letter  
18 for the project shall pay to the state treasurer, as a penalty, an  
19 amount equal to the sum of all credits claimed and assigned for all  
20 components of the multiphase project and no credits based on that  
21 multiphase project shall be claimed after that date by the  
22 qualified taxpayer or any assignee of the qualified taxpayer. The  
23 penalty under this subsection is subject to interest on the amount  
24 of the credit claimed or assigned determined individually for each  
25 component at the rate in section 23(2) of 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.23,  
26 beginning on the date that the credit for that component was  
27 claimed or assigned. As used in this subsection, "proportionate

1 share" means the same percentage of the total of all credits for  
2 the project that the qualified investment for the completed  
3 component is of the total qualified investment stated in the  
4 preapproval letter for the entire project.

5 (33) If the total of all credits for a project is \$200,000.00  
6 or less, a qualified taxpayer shall apply to the Michigan economic  
7 growth authority for approval of the project under this subsection.  
8 An application under this subsection shall state whether the  
9 project is a multiphase project. Subject to section 35c, the  
10 chairperson of the Michigan economic growth authority or his or her  
11 designee is authorized to approve an application or project under  
12 this subsection. Only the chairperson of the Michigan economic  
13 growth authority is authorized to deny an application or project  
14 under this subsection. A project shall be approved or denied not  
15 more than 45 days after receipt of the application. If the  
16 chairperson of the Michigan economic growth authority or his or her  
17 designee does not approve or deny the application within 45 days  
18 after the application is received by the Michigan economic growth  
19 authority, the application is considered approved as written. If a  
20 project is denied under this subsection, a taxpayer is not  
21 prohibited from subsequently applying under this subsection for the  
22 same project or for another project. The total of all credits for  
23 all projects approved under this subsection shall not exceed  
24 \$10,000,000.00 in any calendar year. After the first full calendar  
25 year after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this  
26 subsection, if the authority approves a total of all credits for  
27 all projects under this subsection of less than \$10,000,000.00 in a

1 calendar year, the authority may carry forward for 1 year only the  
2 difference between \$10,000,000.00 and the total of all credits for  
3 all projects under this subsection approved in the immediately  
4 preceding calendar year. If the chairperson of the Michigan  
5 economic growth authority or his or her designee approves a project  
6 under this subsection, the chairperson of the Michigan economic  
7 growth authority or his or her designee shall issue a preapproval  
8 letter that states that the taxpayer is a qualified taxpayer; the  
9 maximum total eligible investment for the project on which credits  
10 may be claimed and the maximum total of all credits for the project  
11 when the project is completed and a certificate of completion is  
12 issued; and the project number assigned by the Michigan economic  
13 growth authority. The Michigan economic growth authority shall  
14 develop and implement the use of the application form to be used  
15 for projects under this subsection. Before the application form is  
16 first used and if the Michigan economic growth authority  
17 substantially changes the form, the Michigan economic growth  
18 authority shall adopt the form or changes by resolution. After 60  
19 days after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this  
20 subsection and before the Michigan economic growth authority  
21 substantially changes the application form, the Michigan economic  
22 growth authority shall give notice of the proposed resolution to  
23 the secretary of the senate, to the clerk of the house of  
24 representatives, and to each person who requested from the Michigan  
25 economic growth authority in writing or electronically to be  
26 notified regarding proposed resolutions. The notice and proposed  
27 resolution and all attachments shall be published on the Michigan



1 economic growth authority's internet website. The Michigan economic  
2 growth authority shall hold a public hearing not sooner than 14  
3 days and not later than 30 days after the date notice of a proposed  
4 resolution is given and offer an opportunity for persons to present  
5 data, views, questions, and arguments. The Michigan economic growth  
6 authority board members or 1 or more persons designated by the  
7 Michigan economic growth authority who have knowledge of the  
8 subject matter of the proposed resolution shall be present at the  
9 public hearing and shall participate in the discussion of the  
10 proposed resolution. The Michigan economic growth authority may act  
11 on the proposed resolution no sooner than 14 days after the public  
12 hearing. The Michigan economic growth authority shall produce a  
13 final decision document that describes the basis for its decision.  
14 The final resolution and all attachments and the decision document  
15 shall be provided to the secretary of the senate and to the clerk  
16 of the house of representatives and shall be published on the  
17 Michigan economic growth authority's internet website. The notice  
18 shall include all of the following:

19 (a) A copy of the proposed resolution and all attachments.

20 (b) A statement that any person may express any data, views,  
21 or arguments regarding the proposed resolution.

22 (c) The address to which written comments may be sent and the  
23 date by which comments must be mailed or electronically  
24 transmitted, which date shall not be restricted to only before the  
25 date of the public hearing.

26 (d) The date, time, and place of the public hearing.

27 (34) As used in this section:

1 (a) "Annual credit amount" means the maximum amount that a  
2 qualified taxpayer is eligible to claim each tax year for a project  
3 for which the total of all credits is more than \$10,000,000.00 but  
4 \$30,000,000.00 or less, which shall be 10% of the qualified  
5 taxpayer's credit amount approved under subsection (3).

6 (b) "Authority" means a brownfield redevelopment authority  
7 created under the brownfield redevelopment financing act, 1996 PA  
8 381, MCL 125.2651 to 125.2672.

9 (c) "Authorized business", "full-time job", "new capital  
10 investment", "qualified high-technology business", "retained jobs",  
11 and "written agreement" mean those terms as defined in the Michigan  
12 economic growth authority act, 1995 PA 24, MCL 207.801 to 207.810.

13 (d) "Blighted", "brownfield plan", "eligible activities",  
14 "eligible property", "facility", "functionally obsolete",  
15 "qualified local governmental unit", and "response activity" mean,  
16 except as otherwise provided in subdivision (f), those terms as  
17 defined in the brownfield redevelopment financing act, 1996 PA 381,  
18 MCL 125.2651 to 125.2672.

19 (e) "Eligible investment" means demolition, construction,  
20 restoration, alteration, renovation, or improvement of buildings or  
21 site improvements on eligible property and the addition of  
22 machinery, equipment, and fixtures to eligible property after the  
23 date that eligible activities on that eligible property have  
24 started pursuant to a brownfield plan under the brownfield  
25 redevelopment financing act, 1996 PA 381, MCL 125.2651 to 125.2672,  
26 and after the date that the preapproval letter is issued, except  
27 that the date that the preapproval letter is issued is not a

1 limitation for 1 project the construction of which began after  
2 January 1, 2000 and before January 1, 2001 without the Michigan  
3 economic growth authority determining that the project would not  
4 occur in this state without the tax credit offered under this  
5 section as provided in subsection (7), if the costs of the eligible  
6 investment are not otherwise reimbursed to the taxpayer or paid for  
7 on behalf of the taxpayer from any source other than the taxpayer.  
8 The addition of leased machinery, equipment, or fixtures to  
9 eligible property by a lessee of the machinery, equipment, or  
10 fixtures is eligible investment if the lease of the machinery,  
11 equipment, or fixtures has a minimum term of 10 years or is for the  
12 expected useful life of the machinery, equipment, or fixtures, and  
13 if the owner of the machinery, equipment, or fixtures is not the  
14 qualified taxpayer with regard to that machinery, equipment, or  
15 fixtures.

16 (f) "Eligible property" means that term as defined in the  
17 brownfield redevelopment financing act, 1996 PA 381, MCL 125.2651  
18 to 125.2672, except that, for purposes of subsection (33), all of  
19 the following apply:

20 (i) Eligible property means property identified under a  
21 brownfield plan that was used or is currently used for commercial,  
22 industrial, or residential purposes and that is 1 of the following:

23 (A) Property for which eligible activities are identified  
24 under the brownfield plan, is in a qualified local governmental  
25 unit, and is a facility, functionally obsolete, or blighted.

26 (B) Property that is not in a qualified local governmental  
27 unit but is within a downtown development district established

1 under 1975 PA 197, MCL 125.1651 to 125.1681, and is functionally  
2 obsolete or blighted, and a component of the project on that  
3 eligible property is 1 or more of the following:

4 (I) Infrastructure improvements that directly benefit the  
5 eligible property.

6 (II) Demolition of structures that is not response activity  
7 under section 20101 of the natural resources and environmental  
8 protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20101.

9 (III) Lead or asbestos abatement.

10 (IV) Site preparation that is not response activity under  
11 section 20101 of the natural resources and environmental protection  
12 act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20101.

13 (C) Property for which eligible activities are identified  
14 under the brownfield plan, is not in a qualified local governmental  
15 unit, and is a facility.

16 (ii) Eligible property includes parcels that are adjacent or  
17 contiguous to the eligible property if the development of the  
18 adjacent or contiguous parcels is estimated to increase the  
19 captured taxable value of the property or tax reverted property  
20 owned or under the control of a land bank fast track authority  
21 pursuant to the land bank fast track authority act, 2003 PA 258,  
22 MCL 124.751 to 124.774.

23 (iii) Eligible property includes, to the extent included in the  
24 brownfield plan, personal property located on the eligible  
25 property.

26 (iv) Eligible property does not include qualified agricultural  
27 property exempt under section 7ee of the general property tax act,

1 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.7ee, from the tax levied by a local school  
2 district for school operating purposes to the extent provided under  
3 section 1211 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1211.

4 (g) "Eligible taxpayer" means an eligible business that meets  
5 the criteria under section 8(5) of the Michigan economic growth  
6 authority act, 1995 PA 24, MCL 207.808.

7 (h) "Michigan economic growth authority" means the Michigan  
8 economic growth authority created in the Michigan economic growth  
9 authority act, 1995 PA 24, MCL 207.801 to 207.810.

10 (i) "Multiphase project" means a project approved under  
11 subsection (2), (3), or (33) that has more than 1 component, each  
12 of which can be completed separately.

13 (j) "Payroll" and "tax rate" mean those terms as defined in  
14 section 37c.

15 (k) "Personal property" means that term as defined in section  
16 8 of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.8, except  
17 that personal property does not include either of the following:

18 (i) Personal property described in section 8(h), (i), or (j) of  
19 the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.8.

20 (ii) Buildings described in section 14(6) of the general  
21 property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.14.

22 (l) "Project" means the total of all eligible investment on an  
23 eligible property or, for purposes of subsection (5)(b), 1 of the  
24 following:

25 (i) All eligible investment on property not in a qualified  
26 local governmental unit that is a facility.

27 (ii) All eligible investment on property that is not a facility

1 but is functionally obsolete or blighted.

2 (m) "Qualified local governmental unit" means ~~that term as~~  
3 ~~defined in the obsolete property rehabilitation act, 2000 PA 146,~~  
4 ~~MCL 125.2781 to 125.2797~~ **A CITY, VILLAGE, OR TOWNSHIP IN THIS**  
5 **STATE.**

6 (n) "Qualified taxpayer" means a taxpayer that meets both of  
7 the following criteria:

8 (i) Owns or leases eligible property.

9 (ii) Certifies that, except as otherwise provided in this  
10 subparagraph, the department of environmental quality has not sued  
11 or issued a unilateral order to the taxpayer pursuant to part 201  
12 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA  
13 451, MCL 324.20101 to 324.20142, to compel response activity on or  
14 to the eligible property, or expended any state funds for response  
15 activity on or to the eligible property and demanded reimbursement  
16 for those expenditures from the qualified taxpayer. However, if the  
17 taxpayer has completed all response activity required by part 201  
18 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA  
19 451, MCL 324.20101 to 324.20142, is in compliance with any deed  
20 restriction or administrative or judicial order related to the  
21 required response activity, and has reimbursed the state for all  
22 costs incurred by the state related to the required response  
23 activity, the taxpayer meets the criteria under this subparagraph.  
24 (o) "Tax liability attributable to authorized business  
25 activity" means the tax liability imposed by this act after the  
26 calculation of credits provided in sections 36, 37, and 39.