

HOUSE BILL No. 6093

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A bill to amend 2007 PA 36, entitled
"Michigan business tax act,"
by amending section 437 (MCL 208.1437), as amended by 2009 PA 241.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 437. (1) Subject to the criteria under this section, a
2 qualified taxpayer that has unused credits or has a preapproval
3 letter issued after December 31, 2007 and before January 1, 2014,
4 or a taxpayer that received a preapproval letter prior to January
5 1, 2008 under section 38g of former 1975 PA 228 and has not
6 received a certificate of completion prior to the taxpayer's last
7 tax year, provided that the project is completed not more than 5
8 years after the preapproval letter for the project is issued unless
9 extended under subsection (9) or if it is a multiphase project not
10 more than 10 years after the preapproval letter, as amended, if

1 applicable, for the project is issued, or an assignee under
2 subsection (20), (21), or (22) may claim a credit that has been
3 approved under section 38g of former 1975 PA 228 or under
4 subsection (2), (3), or (4) against the tax imposed by this act
5 equal to either of the following:

6 (a) For projects approved before April 8, 2008, if the total
7 of all credits for a project is \$1,000,000.00 or less, 10% of the
8 cost of the qualified taxpayer's eligible investment paid or
9 accrued by the qualified taxpayer on an eligible property provided
10 that the project does not exceed the amount stated in the
11 preapproval letter, as amended. For projects approved, or amended,
12 on and after April 8, 2008, if the total of all eligible
13 investments for a project are \$10,000,000.00 or less, up to 12.5%
14 of the costs of the qualified taxpayer's eligible investment paid
15 or accrued by the qualified taxpayer on an eligible property or up
16 to 15% of the costs of the qualified taxpayer's eligible investment
17 paid or accrued by the qualified taxpayer on an eligible property
18 if the project is designated as an urban development area project
19 by the Michigan economic growth authority to the extent that the
20 project does not exceed the amount stated in the preapproval
21 letter, as amended, or, until December 31, 2010, up to 20% of the
22 costs of the qualified taxpayer's eligible investment paid or
23 accrued by the qualified taxpayer on an eligible property if the
24 project is designated as an urban development area project by the
25 Michigan economic growth authority. If eligible investment exceeds
26 the amount of eligible investment in the preapproval letter, as
27 amended, for that project, the total of all credits for the project

1 shall not exceed the total of all credits on the certificate of
2 completion.

3 (b) For projects approved before April 8, 2008, if the total
4 of all credits for a project is more than \$1,000,000.00 but
5 \$30,000,000.00 or less and, except as provided in subsection
6 (6)(b), the project is located in a qualified local governmental
7 unit, a percentage as determined by the Michigan economic growth
8 authority not to exceed 10% of the cost of the qualified taxpayer's
9 eligible investment as determined under subsection (11) paid or
10 accrued by the qualified taxpayer on an eligible property. For
11 projects approved, or amended, on and after April 8, 2008 and
12 before January 1, 2010, if the total of all eligible investments
13 for a project is more than \$10,000,000.00 but \$300,000,000.00 or
14 less, up to 12.5% of the costs of the qualified taxpayer's eligible
15 investment as determined under subsection (11) paid or accrued by
16 the qualified taxpayer on an eligible property that, except as
17 provided in subsection (6)(b), is located in a qualified local
18 governmental unit, up to 15% of the cost of the qualified
19 taxpayer's eligible investment as determined under subsection (11)
20 paid or accrued by the qualified taxpayer on an eligible property
21 if the project is designated as an urban development area project
22 by the Michigan economic growth authority, or, until December 31,
23 2010, up to 20% of the costs of the qualified taxpayer's eligible
24 investment as determined under subsection (11) paid or accrued by
25 the qualified taxpayer on an eligible property if the project is
26 designated as an urban development area project by the Michigan
27 economic growth authority. For projects approved, or amended, on

1 and after January 1, 2010, if the total of all eligible investments
2 for a project is more than \$10,000,000.00 but \$100,000,000.00 or
3 less, up to 12.5% of the costs of the qualified taxpayer's eligible
4 investment as determined under subsection (11) paid or accrued by
5 the qualified taxpayer on an eligible property that, except as
6 provided in subsection (6)(b), is located in a qualified local
7 governmental unit, up to 15% of the cost of the qualified
8 taxpayer's eligible investment as determined under subsection (11)
9 paid or accrued by the qualified taxpayer on an eligible property
10 if the project is designated as an urban development area project
11 by the Michigan economic growth authority, or, until December 31,
12 2010, up to 20% of the costs of the qualified taxpayer's eligible
13 investment as determined under subsection (11) paid or accrued by
14 the qualified taxpayer on an eligible property if the project is
15 designated as an urban development area project by the Michigan
16 economic growth authority. If eligible investment exceeds the
17 amount of eligible investment in the preapproval letter, as
18 amended, for that project, the total of all credits for the project
19 shall not exceed the total of all credits on the certificate of
20 completion.

21 (2) If the cost of a project will be \$2,000,000.00 or less, a
22 qualified taxpayer shall apply to the Michigan economic growth
23 authority for approval of the project under this subsection. An
24 application under this subsection shall state whether the project
25 is a multiphase project. Subject to the limitation provided under
26 subsection (31), the chairperson of the Michigan economic growth
27 authority or his or her designee is authorized to approve an

1 application or project under this subsection. Only the chairperson
2 of the Michigan economic growth authority is authorized to deny an
3 application or project under this subsection. A project shall be
4 approved or denied not more than 45 days after receipt of the
5 application. If the chairperson of the Michigan economic growth
6 authority or his or her designee does not approve or deny the
7 application within 45 days after the application is received by the
8 Michigan economic growth authority, the application is considered
9 approved as written. If the chairperson of the Michigan economic
10 growth authority or his or her designee approves a project under
11 this subsection, the chairperson of the Michigan economic growth
12 authority or his or her designee shall issue a preapproval letter
13 that states that the taxpayer is a qualified taxpayer; the maximum
14 total eligible investment for the project on which credits may be
15 claimed and the maximum total of all credits for the project when
16 the project is completed and a certificate of completion is issued;
17 and the project number assigned by the Michigan economic growth
18 authority. If a project is denied under this subsection, a taxpayer
19 is not prohibited from subsequently applying under this subsection
20 for the same project or for another project. The Michigan economic
21 growth authority shall develop and implement the use of the
22 application form to be used for projects under this subsection.

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

1 Subject to the limitation provided under subsection (31), the
2 chairperson of the Michigan economic growth authority or his or her
3 designee is authorized to approve an application or project under
4 this subsection. Only the chairperson of the Michigan economic
5 growth authority is authorized to deny an application or project
6 under this subsection. A project shall be approved or denied not
7 more than 45 days after receipt of the application. If the
8 chairperson of the Michigan economic growth authority or his or her
9 designee does not approve or deny an application within 45 days
10 after the application is received by the Michigan economic growth
11 authority, the application is considered approved as written. The
12 criteria in subsection (7) shall be used when approving projects
13 under this subsection. When approving projects under this
14 subsection, priority shall be given to projects on a facility. The
15 total of all credits for an approved project under this subsection
16 shall not exceed the amounts authorized under subsection (1)(a). A
17 taxpayer may apply under this subsection instead of subsection (4)
18 for approval of a project that will be for more than
19 \$10,000,000.00, but the total of all credits for that project shall
20 not exceed the amounts authorized under subsection (1)(a). If the
21 chairperson of the Michigan economic growth authority or his or her
22 designee approves a project under this subsection, the chairperson
23 of the Michigan economic growth authority or his or her designee
24 shall issue a preapproval letter that states that the taxpayer is a
25 qualified taxpayer; the maximum total eligible investment for the
26 project on which credits may be claimed and the maximum total of
27 all credits for the project when the project is completed and a

1 certificate of completion is issued; and the project number
2 assigned by the Michigan economic growth authority. If a project is
3 denied under this subsection, a taxpayer is not prohibited from
4 subsequently applying under this subsection or subsection (4) for
5 the same project or for another project.

6 (4) If the cost of a project will be for more than
7 \$10,000,000.00 and, except as provided in subsection (6)(b), the
8 project is located in a qualified local governmental unit, a
9 qualified taxpayer shall apply to the Michigan economic growth
10 authority for approval of the project. An application under this
11 subsection shall state whether the project is a multiphase project.
12 The Michigan economic growth authority shall approve or deny the
13 project not more than 65 days after receipt of the application. A
14 project under this subsection shall not be approved without the
15 concurrence of the state treasurer. If the Michigan economic growth
16 authority does not approve or deny the application within 65 days
17 after it receives the application, the Michigan economic growth
18 authority shall send the application to the state treasurer. The
19 state treasurer shall approve or deny the application within 5 days
20 after receipt of the application. If the state treasurer does not
21 deny the application within 5 days after receipt of the
22 application, the application is considered approved. The Michigan
23 economic growth authority shall approve a limited number of
24 projects under this subsection during each calendar year as
25 provided in subsection (6). The Michigan economic growth authority
26 shall use the criteria in subsection (7) when approving projects
27 under this subsection, when determining the total amount of

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

21 (5) If the project is on property that is functionally
22 obsolete, the taxpayer shall include with the application an
23 affidavit signed by a level 3 or level 4 assessor, that states that
24 it is the assessor's expert opinion that the property is
25 functionally obsolete and the underlying basis for that opinion.

26 (6) The Michigan economic growth authority may approve not
27 more than 20 projects each calendar year through December 31, 2009,

1 not more than 19 projects for the 2010 calendar year, and, except
2 as otherwise provided under subdivision (d), not more than 17
3 projects for each calendar year after December 31, 2010 under
4 subsection (4), and the following limitations apply:

5 (a) Of the projects allowed under this subsection, the total
6 of all credits for each project may be more than \$10,000,000.00 but
7 \$30,000,000.00 or less for only 1 project before December 31, 2009.

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

18 (c) The project allowed under subdivision (a) may also qualify
19 under subdivision (b).

20 (d) If the Michigan economic growth authority determines that
21 there are previously issued credits authorized under section 434(6)
22 available, the Michigan economic growth authority may approve 2
23 additional projects for each calendar year after December 31, 2010.
24 As used in this subdivision, "previously issued credits" means the
25 total amount of credits authorized by the Michigan economic growth
26 authority for a taxpayer under section 434(6) that meets all of the
27 following:

1 (i) The taxpayer did not use any or a portion of the credits
2 authorized under the written agreement under section 434(6).

3 (ii) The authority determined at a meeting upon a vote of the
4 majority of the members present that the credits previously
5 authorized satisfy subparagraph (i).

6 (7) The Michigan economic growth authority shall review all
7 applications for projects under subsection (4) and, if an
8 application is approved, shall determine the maximum total of all
9 credits for that project. Before approving a project for which the
10 total of all credits will be more than \$10,000,000.00 but
11 \$30,000,000.00 or less only, the Michigan economic growth authority
12 shall determine that the project would not occur in this state
13 without the tax credit offered under subsection (4). The Michigan
14 economic growth authority shall consider the following criteria to
15 the extent reasonably applicable to the type of project proposed
16 when approving a project under subsection (4), and the chairperson
17 of the Michigan economic growth authority or his or her designee
18 shall consider the following criteria to the extent reasonably
19 applicable to the type of project proposed when approving a project
20 under subsection (2) or (3) or when considering an amendment to a
21 project under subsection (9):

22 (a) The overall benefit to the public.

23 (b) The extent of reuse of vacant buildings and redevelopment
24 of blighted property.

25 (c) Creation of jobs.

26 (d) Whether the eligible property is in an area of high
27 unemployment.

1 (e) The level and extent of contamination alleviated by the
2 qualified taxpayer's eligible activities to the extent known to the
3 qualified taxpayer.

4 (f) The level of private sector contribution.

5 (g) The cost gap that exists between the site and a similar
6 greenfield site as determined by the Michigan economic growth
7 authority.

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

10 (i) Whether the project is financially and economically sound.

11 (j) Any other criteria that the Michigan economic growth
12 authority or the chairperson of the Michigan economic growth
13 authority, as applicable, considers appropriate for the
14 determination of eligibility under subsection (3) or (4).

15 (8) A qualified taxpayer may apply for projects under this
16 section for eligible investment on more than 1 eligible property in
17 a tax year. Each project approved and each project for which a
18 certificate of completion is issued under this section shall be for
19 eligible investment on 1 eligible property.

20 (9) If, after a taxpayer's project has been approved and the
21 taxpayer has received a preapproval letter but before the taxpayer
22 has made an eligible investment, other than soft costs, at the
23 property, the taxpayer determines that the project cannot be
24 completed as preapproved, the taxpayer may petition the Michigan
25 economic growth authority to amend the project and the preapproval
26 letter to increase the maximum total eligible investment for the
27 project on which credits may be claimed and the maximum total of

1 all credits for the project. A taxpayer may petition the Michigan
2 economic growth authority to make any other amendments to the
3 project or preapproval letter at any time before a certificate of
4 completion is issued. Amendments to the project or preapproval
5 letter may include, but are not limited to, extending the duration
6 of time provided to complete the project, as long as that extension
7 does not exceed 10 years from the date of the preapproval letter.

8 (10) A project may be a multiphase project. If a project is a
9 multiphase project, when each component of the multiphase project
10 is completed, the taxpayer shall submit documentation that the
11 component is complete, an accounting of the cost of the component,
12 and the eligible investment for the component of each taxpayer
13 eligible for a credit for the project of which the component is a
14 part to the Michigan economic growth authority or the designee of
15 the Michigan economic growth authority, who shall verify that the
16 component is complete. When the completion of the component is
17 verified, a component completion certificate shall be issued to the
18 qualified taxpayer which shall state that the taxpayer is a
19 qualified taxpayer, the credit amount for the component, the
20 qualified taxpayer's federal employer identification number or the
21 Michigan treasury number assigned to the taxpayer, and the project
22 number. The taxpayer may assign all or part of the credit for a
23 multiphase project as provided in this section after a component
24 completion certificate for a component is issued. The qualified
25 taxpayer may transfer ownership of or lease the completed component
26 and assign a proportionate share of the credit for the entire
27 project to the qualified taxpayer that is the new owner or lessee.

1 A multiphase project shall not be divided into more than 10
2 components. A component is considered to be completed when a
3 certificate of occupancy has been issued by the local municipality
4 in which the project is located for all of the buildings or
5 facilities that comprise the completed component and a component
6 completion certificate is issued or the chairperson of the Michigan
7 economic growth authority or his or her designee, for projects
8 approved under subsection (2) or (3), or the Michigan economic
9 growth authority, for projects approved under subsection (4),
10 verifies that the component is complete. A credit assigned based on
11 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, as amended, for the project under subsection
15 (1). If all components of a multiphase project are not completed by
16 10 years after the date on which the preapproval letter, as
17 amended, if applicable, for the project was issued, the qualified
18 taxpayer that received the preapproval letter for the project shall
19 pay to the state treasurer, as a penalty, an amount equal to the
20 sum of all credits claimed and assigned for all components of the
21 multiphase project and no credits based on that multiphase project
22 shall be claimed after that date by the qualified taxpayer or any
23 assignee of the qualified taxpayer. The penalty under this
24 subsection is subject to interest on the amount of the credit
25 claimed or assigned determined individually for each component at
26 the rate in section 23(2) of 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.23, beginning on
27 the date that the credit for that component was claimed or

1 assigned. As used in this subsection, "proportionate share" means
2 the same percentage of the total of all credits for the project
3 that the qualified investment for the completed component is of the
4 total qualified investment stated in the preapproval letter, as
5 amended, for the entire project.

6 (11) When a project under this section is completed, the
7 taxpayer shall submit documentation that the project is completed,
8 an accounting of the cost of the project, the eligible investment
9 of each taxpayer if there is more than 1 taxpayer eligible for a
10 credit for the project, and, if the taxpayer is not the owner or
11 lessee of the eligible property on which the eligible investment
12 was made at the time the project is completed, that the taxpayer
13 was the owner or lessee of, or was a party to an agreement to
14 purchase or lease, that eligible property when all eligible
15 investment of the taxpayer was made. The chairperson of the
16 Michigan economic growth authority or his or her designee, for
17 projects approved under subsection (2) or (3), or the Michigan
18 economic growth authority, for projects approved under subsection
19 (4) OR (32), shall verify that the project is completed. The
20 Michigan economic growth authority shall conduct an on-site
21 inspection as part of the verification process for projects
22 approved under subsection (4). When the completion of the project
23 is verified, a certificate of completion shall be issued to each
24 qualified taxpayer that has made eligible investment on that
25 eligible property. The certificate of completion shall state the
26 total amount of all credits for the project and that total shall
27 not exceed the maximum total of all credits listed in the

1 preapproval letter for the project under subsection (2), (3), ~~or~~
2 (4), **OR (32)** as applicable and as amended under subsection (9) and
3 shall state all of the following:

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

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

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

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

10 (e) The project number.

11 (f) For a project approved under subsection (4) for which the
12 total of all credits is more than \$10,000,000.00 but \$30,000,000.00
13 or less, the total of all credits and the schedule on which the
14 annual credit amount shall be claimed by the qualified taxpayer.

15 (g) For a multiphase project under subsection (10), the amount
16 of each credit assigned and the amount of all credits claimed in
17 each tax year before the year in which the project is completed.

18 **(H) FOR A PROJECT APPROVED UNDER SUBSECTION (32), THE TOTAL**
19 **AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED TO BE CLAIMED BY THE QUALIFIED**
20 **TAXPAYER.**

21 (12) Except as otherwise provided in this section, qualified
22 taxpayers shall claim credits under this section in the tax year in
23 which the certificate of completion is issued. For a project
24 approved under subsection (4) for which the total of all credits is
25 more than \$10,000,000.00 but \$30,000,000.00 or less, the qualified
26 taxpayer shall claim 10% of its approved credit each year for 10
27 years. A credit assigned based on a multiphase project shall be

1 claimed in the year in which the credit is assigned.

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

11 (14) Credits claimed by a lessee of eligible property are
12 subject to the total of all credits limitation under this section.

13 (15) Each qualified taxpayer and assignee under subsection
14 (20), (21), or (22) that claims a credit under this section shall
15 attach a copy of the certificate of completion and, if the credit
16 was assigned, a copy of the assignment form provided for under this
17 section to the annual return filed under this act on which the
18 credit under this section is claimed. An assignee of a credit based
19 on a multiphase project shall attach a copy of the assignment form
20 provided for under this section and the component completion
21 certificate provided for in subsection (10) to the annual return
22 filed under this act on which the credit is claimed but is not
23 required to file a copy of a certificate of completion.

24 (16) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection or
25 subsection (10), (18), (20), (21), or (22), a credit under this
26 section shall be claimed in the tax year in which the certificate
27 of completion is issued to the qualified taxpayer. For a project

1 described in subsection (11)(f) for which a schedule for claiming
2 annual credit amounts is designated on the certificate of
3 completion by the Michigan economic growth authority, the annual
4 credit amount shall be claimed in the tax year specified on the
5 certificate of completion.

6 (17) Except as otherwise provided under this subsection, the
7 credits approved under this section shall be calculated after
8 application of all other credits allowed under this act. The
9 credits under this section shall be calculated before the
10 calculation of the credits under sections 413, 423, 431, and 450.

11 (18) Except as otherwise provided under this subsection, if
12 the credit allowed under this section for the tax year and any
13 unused carryforward of the credit allowed under this section exceed
14 the qualified taxpayer's or assignee's tax liability for the tax
15 year, that portion that exceeds the tax liability for the tax year
16 shall not be refunded but may be carried forward to offset tax
17 liability in subsequent tax years for 10 years or until used up,
18 whichever occurs first. Except as otherwise provided in this
19 subsection, the maximum time allowed under the carryforward
20 provisions under this subsection begins with the tax year in which
21 the certificate of completion is issued to the qualified taxpayer.
22 If the qualified taxpayer assigns all or any portion of its credit
23 approved under this section, the maximum time allowed under the
24 carryforward provisions for an assignee begins to run with the tax
25 year in which the assignment is made and the assignee first claims
26 a credit, which shall be the same tax year. The maximum time
27 allowed under the carryforward provisions for an annual credit

1 amount for a credit allowed under subsection (4) **OR (32), IF**
2 **APPLICABLE**, begins to run in the tax year for which the annual
3 credit amount is designated on the certificate of completion issued
4 under this section. A credit carryforward available under section
5 38g of former 1975 PA 228 that is unused at the end of the last tax
6 year may be claimed against the tax imposed under this act for the
7 years the carryforward would have been available under former 1975
8 PA 228. Beginning on and after April 8, 2008, if the credit allowed
9 under this section for the tax year exceeds the qualified
10 taxpayer's tax liability for the tax year, the qualified taxpayer
11 may elect to have the excess refunded at a rate equal to 85% of
12 that portion of the credit that exceeds the tax liability of the
13 qualified taxpayer for the tax year and forgo the remaining 15% of
14 the credit and any carryforward.

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

1 amount otherwise added under this subsection to the qualified
2 taxpayer's tax liability may instead be used to reduce the
3 qualified taxpayer's carryforward under subsection (18).

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

1 completion is issued or, for a credit assigned and claimed for a
2 multiphase project before a certificate of completion is issued,
3 the taxpayer shall claim the credit in the year in which the credit
4 is assigned. If a qualified taxpayer assigns all or a portion of
5 the credit and the eligible property is leased to more than 1
6 taxpayer, the qualified taxpayer shall determine the amount of
7 credit assigned to each lessee. A lessee shall not subsequently
8 assign a credit or any portion of a credit assigned under this
9 subsection. A purchaser may subsequently assign a credit or any
10 portion of a credit assigned to the purchaser under this subsection
11 to a lessee of the eligible property. The credit assignment under
12 this subsection shall be made on a form prescribed by the Michigan
13 economic growth authority. The qualified taxpayer shall send a copy
14 of the completed assignment form to the Michigan economic growth
15 authority in the tax year in which the assignment is made. The
16 assignee shall attach a copy of the completed assignment form to
17 its annual return required to be filed under this act, for the tax
18 year in which the assignment is made and the assignee first claims
19 a credit, which shall be the same tax year. In addition to all
20 other procedures under this subsection, the following apply if the
21 total of all credits for a project is more than \$10,000,000.00 but
22 \$30,000,000.00 or less:

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

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

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

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

6 (21) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, for
7 projects for which a certificate of completion is issued before
8 January 1, 2006, and except as otherwise provided in this
9 subsection, if a qualified taxpayer is a partnership, limited
10 liability company, or subchapter S corporation, the qualified
11 taxpayer may assign all or a portion of a credit under this section
12 to its partners, members, or shareholders, based on their
13 proportionate share of ownership of the partnership, limited
14 liability company, or subchapter S corporation or based on an
15 alternative method approved by the Michigan economic growth
16 authority. A credit assignment under this subsection is irrevocable
17 and, except for a credit assignment based on a multiphase project,
18 shall be made in the tax year in which a certificate of completion
19 is issued. A qualified taxpayer may claim a portion of a credit and
20 assign the remaining credit amount. Except as otherwise provided in
21 this subsection, if the qualified taxpayer both claims and assigns
22 portions of the credit, the qualified taxpayer shall claim the
23 portion it claims in the tax year in which a certificate of
24 completion is issued or for a credit assigned and claimed for a
25 multiphase project, before the component completion certificate is
26 issued, the taxpayer shall claim the credit in the year in which
27 the credit is assigned. A partner, member, or shareholder that is

1 an assignee shall not subsequently assign a credit or any portion
2 of a credit assigned under this subsection. The credit assignment
3 under this subsection shall be made on a form prescribed by the
4 Michigan economic growth authority. The qualified taxpayer shall
5 send a copy of the completed assignment form to the Michigan
6 economic growth authority in the tax year in which the assignment
7 is made. A partner, member, or shareholder who is an assignee shall
8 attach a copy of the completed assignment form to its annual return
9 required under this act, for the tax year in which the assignment
10 is made and the assignee first claims a credit, which shall be the
11 same tax year. A credit assignment based on a credit for a
12 component of a multiphase project that is completed before January
13 1, 2006 shall be made under this subsection. In addition to all
14 other procedures under this subsection, the following apply if the
15 total of all credits for a project is more than \$10,000,000.00 but
16 \$30,000,000.00 or less:

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

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

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

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

27 (22) For projects approved under this section or section 38g

1 of former 1975 PA 228 for which a certificate of completion is
2 issued on and after January 1, 2006, a qualified taxpayer may
3 assign all or a portion of a credit allowed under this section or
4 section 38g(2), (3), or (33) of former 1975 PA 228 under this
5 subsection. A credit assignment under this subsection is
6 irrevocable and, except for a credit assignment based on a
7 multiphase project, shall be made in the tax year in which a
8 certificate of completion is issued unless the assignee is an
9 unknown lessee. If a qualified taxpayer wishes to assign all or a
10 portion of its credit to a lessee but the lessee is unknown in the
11 tax year in which the certificate of completion is issued, the
12 qualified taxpayer may delay claiming and assigning the credit
13 until the first tax year in which the lessee is known. A qualified
14 taxpayer may claim a portion of a credit and assign the remaining
15 credit amount. If the qualified taxpayer both claims and assigns
16 portions of the credit, the qualified taxpayer shall claim the
17 portion it claims in the tax year in which a certificate of
18 completion is issued pursuant to this section or section 38g of
19 former 1975 PA 228. An assignee may subsequently assign a credit or
20 any portion of a credit assigned under this subsection to 1 or more
21 assignees. The credit assignment or a subsequent reassignment under
22 this subsection shall be made on a form prescribed by the Michigan
23 economic growth authority. The Michigan economic growth authority
24 or its designee shall review and issue a completed assignment or
25 reassignment certificate to the assignee or reassignee. An assignee
26 or subsequent reassignee shall attach a copy of the completed
27 assignment certificate to its annual return required under this

1 act, for the tax year in which the assignment or reassignment is
2 made and the assignee or reassignee first claims a credit, which
3 shall be the same tax year. A credit assignment based on a credit
4 for a component of a multiphase project that is completed before
5 January 1, 2006 shall be made under section 38g(18) of former 1975
6 PA 228. A credit assignment based on a credit for a component of a
7 multiphase project that is completed on or after January 1, 2006
8 may be made under this section. In addition to all other procedures
9 and requirements under this section, the following apply if the
10 total of all credits for a project is more than \$10,000,000.00 but
11 \$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 (23) A qualified taxpayer or assignee under subsection (20),
21 (21), or (22) shall not claim a credit under subsection (1)(a) or
22 (b) based on eligible investment on which a credit claimed under
23 section 38d of former 1975 PA 228 was based.

24 (24) When reviewing an application for a project for
25 designation as an urban development area project, the Michigan
26 economic growth authority for projects approved under subsection
27 (4) or the chairperson of the Michigan economic growth authority or

1 his or her designee for projects approved under subsections (2) and
2 (3) shall consider all of the following criteria:

3 (a) If the project increases the density of the area by
4 promoting multistory development.

5 (b) If the project promotes mixed-use development and walkable
6 communities.

7 (c) If the project promotes sustainable redevelopment.

8 (d) If the project addresses areawide redevelopment and
9 includes multiple parcels of property.

10 (e) If the project addresses underserved markets of commerce.

11 (f) Any other criteria determined by the Michigan economic
12 growth authority or the chairperson of the Michigan economic growth
13 authority.

14 (25) An eligible taxpayer that claims a credit under this
15 section is not prohibited from claiming a credit under section 431.
16 However, the eligible taxpayer shall not claim a credit under this
17 section and section 431 based on the same costs.

18 (26) Eligible investment attributable or related to the
19 operation of a professional sports stadium, and eligible investment
20 that is associated or affiliated with the operation of a
21 professional sports stadium, including, but not limited to, the
22 operation of a parking lot or retail store, shall not be used as a
23 basis for a credit under this section. Professional sports stadium
24 does not include a professional sports stadium that will no longer
25 be used by a professional sports team on and after the date that an
26 application related to that professional sports stadium is filed
27 under this section.

1 (27) Eligible investment attributable or related to the
2 operation of a casino, and eligible investment that is associated
3 or affiliated with the operation of a casino, including, but not
4 limited to, the operation of a parking lot, hotel, motel, or retail
5 store, shall not be used as a basis for a credit under this
6 section. As used in this subsection, "casino" means a casino
7 regulated by this state pursuant to the Michigan gaming control and
8 revenue act, 1996 IL 1, MCL 432.201 to 432.226.

9 (28) Eligible investment attributable or related to the
10 construction of a new landfill or the expansion of an existing
11 landfill regulated under part 115 of the natural resources and
12 environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.11501 to
13 324.11550, shall not be used as a basis for a credit under this
14 section.

15 (29) The Michigan economic growth authority annually shall
16 prepare and submit to the house of representatives and senate
17 committees responsible for tax policy and economic development
18 issues a report on the credits under subsections (2), (3), and (4).
19 The report shall include, but is not limited to, all of the
20 following:

21 (a) A listing of the projects under subsections (2), (3), and
22 (4) that were approved in the calendar year.

23 (b) The total amount of eligible investment for projects
24 approved under subsections (2), (3), and (4) in the calendar year.

25 (30) For purposes of this section, taxpayer includes a person
26 subject to the tax imposed under ~~chapters~~ **CHAPTER 2A** and **A PERSON**
27 **SUBJECT TO THE TAX IMPOSED UNDER CHAPTER 2B.**

1 (31) For the 2008 calendar year, the total of all credits for
2 all projects approved under subsection (2) or (3) shall not exceed
3 \$63,000,000.00. For each calendar year after 2008, the total of all
4 credits for all projects approved under subsection (2) or (3) shall
5 not exceed \$40,000,000.00. If the Michigan economic growth
6 authority approves a total of all credits for all projects under
7 subsection (2) or (3) of less than \$40,000,000.00 in a calendar
8 year, the Michigan economic growth authority may carry forward for
9 1 year only the difference between \$40,000,000.00 and the total of
10 all credits for all projects under this subsection approved in the
11 immediately preceding calendar year.

12 (32) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, A
13 PROJECT ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN A CITY THAT HAS A POPULATION OF MORE
14 THAN 9,000 BUT LESS THAN 10,000 AND IS LOCATED IN A COUNTY WITH A
15 POPULATION OF LESS THAN 30,000, WHICH PROPERTY WAS INCLUDED IN A
16 BROWNFIELD PLAN IN DECEMBER 2005 THAT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY
17 A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THAT CITY IN FEBRUARY 2006,
18 IS CONSIDERED APPROVED AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION BEFORE APRIL
19 8, 2008 AND THE TAXPAYER MAY CLAIM A CREDIT AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED
20 BY THIS ACT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (1). TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR
21 THE CREDIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE TAXPAYER SHALL SUBMIT, WITHIN
22 14 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED
23 THIS SUBSECTION, AN AFFIDAVIT TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE MICHIGAN
24 ECONOMIC GROWTH AUTHORITY OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE THAT STATES ALL OF
25 THE FOLLOWING AND SUBSEQUENTLY SHALL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF
26 COMPLETION AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (33):

27 (A) THE LEVEL AND EXTENT OF THE REHABILITATION NECESSARY FOR

1 THE BLIGHTED AREA OR THE LEVEL AND EXTENT OF CONTAMINATION
2 ALLEVIATED BY THE TAXPAYER'S ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES TO THE EXTENT
3 KNOWN TO THE TAXPAYER.

4 (B) THE COST OF THE TAXPAYER'S ELIGIBLE INVESTMENT PAID OR
5 ACCRUED BY THE TAXPAYER FOR THE PROJECT ON THE ELIGIBLE PROPERTY.

6 (C) ANY OTHER CRITERIA THAT THE MICHIGAN ECONOMIC GROWTH
7 AUTHORITY OR THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE MICHIGAN ECONOMIC GROWTH
8 AUTHORITY, AS APPLICABLE, CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE FOR THE
9 DETERMINATION OF THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT TO BE APPROVED.

10 (33) WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF AN AFFIDAVIT SUBMITTED
11 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (32), THE MICHIGAN ECONOMIC GROWTH AUTHORITY
12 SHALL VERIFY THAT THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE AND ISSUE A CERTIFICATE
13 OF COMPLETION TO THE TAXPAYER AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (11).

14 (34) ~~(32)~~—As used in this section:

15 (a) "Annual credit amount" means the maximum amount that a
16 qualified taxpayer is eligible to claim each tax year for a project
17 for which the total of all credits is more than \$10,000,000.00 but
18 \$30,000,000.00 or less, as approved under subsection (4).

19 (b) "Authority" means a brownfield redevelopment authority
20 created under the brownfield redevelopment financing act, 1996 PA
21 381, MCL 125.2651 to 125.2672.

22 (c) "Blighted", "brownfield plan", "eligible activities",
23 "facility", "functionally obsolete", "qualified local governmental
24 unit", and "response activity" mean those terms as defined in the
25 brownfield redevelopment financing act, 1996 PA 381, MCL 125.2651
26 to 125.2672.

27 (d) "Eligible investment" or "eligible investments" means,

1 when made after the approval date of the brownfield plan but in any
2 event no earlier than 90 days prior to the date of the preapproval
3 letter, any demolition, construction, restoration, alteration,
4 renovation, or improvement of buildings or site improvements on
5 eligible property and the addition of machinery, equipment, and
6 fixtures to eligible property after the date that eligible
7 activities on that eligible property have started pursuant to a
8 brownfield plan under the brownfield redevelopment financing act,
9 1996 PA 381, MCL 125.2651 to 125.2672, if the costs of the eligible
10 investment are not otherwise reimbursed to the taxpayer or paid for
11 on behalf of the taxpayer from any source other than the taxpayer.
12 The addition of leased machinery, equipment, or fixtures to
13 eligible property by a lessee of the machinery, equipment, or
14 fixtures is eligible investment if the lease of the machinery,
15 equipment, or fixtures has a minimum term of 10 years or is for the
16 expected useful life of the machinery, equipment, or fixtures, and
17 if the owner of the machinery, equipment, or fixtures is not the
18 qualified taxpayer with regard to that machinery, equipment, or
19 fixtures. For projects approved after April 8, 2008, eligible
20 investment does not include certain soft costs of the eligible
21 investment as determined by the Michigan economic growth authority,
22 including, but not limited to, developer fees, appraisals,
23 performance bonds, closing costs, bank fees, loan fees, risk
24 contingencies, financing costs, permanent or construction period
25 interest, legal expenses, leasing or sales commissions, marketing
26 costs, professional fees, shared savings, taxes, title insurance,
27 bank inspection fees, insurance, and project management fees.

1 Notwithstanding the foregoing, eligible investment does include
2 architectural, engineering, surveying, and similar professional
3 fees.

4 (e) "Eligible property", except as otherwise provided under
5 subsection ~~(33)~~ (35), means property for which eligible activities
6 are identified under a brownfield plan that was used or is
7 currently used for commercial, industrial, public, or residential
8 purposes, including personal property located on the property, to
9 the extent included in the brownfield plan, and that is 1 or more
10 of the following:

11 (i) Is in a qualified local governmental unit and is a
12 facility, functionally obsolete, or blighted and includes parcels
13 that are adjacent or contiguous to that property if the development
14 of the adjacent and contiguous parcels is estimated to increase the
15 captured taxable value of that property.

16 (ii) Is not in a qualified local governmental unit and is a
17 facility, and includes parcels that are adjacent or contiguous to
18 that property if the development of the adjacent and contiguous
19 parcels is estimated to increase the captured taxable value of that
20 property.

21 (iii) Is tax reverted property owned or under the control of a
22 land bank fast track authority.

23 (f) "Last tax year" means the taxpayer's tax year under former
24 1975 PA 228 that begins after December 31, 2006 and before January
25 1, 2008.

26 (g) "Michigan economic growth authority" means the Michigan
27 economic growth authority created in the Michigan economic growth

1 authority act, 1995 PA 24, MCL 207.801 to 207.810.

2 (h) "Multiphase project" means a project approved under this
3 section that has more than 1 component, each of which can be
4 completed separately.

5 (i) "Personal property" means that term as defined in section
6 8 of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.8, except
7 that personal property does not include either of the following:

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

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

12 (j) "Project" means the total of all eligible investment on an
13 eligible property or, for purposes of subsection (6)(b), 1 of the
14 following:

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

17 (ii) All eligible investment on property that is not a facility
18 but is functionally obsolete or blighted.

19 (k) "Qualified local governmental unit" means that term as
20 defined in the obsolete property rehabilitation act, 2000 PA 146,
21 MCL 125.2781 to 125.2797.

22 (l) "Qualified taxpayer" means a taxpayer that meets both of
23 the following criteria:

24 (i) Owns, leases, or has entered into an agreement to purchase
25 or lease eligible property.

26 (ii) Certifies that, except as otherwise provided in this
27 subparagraph, the department of natural resources and environment

1 has not sued or issued a unilateral order to the taxpayer pursuant
2 to part 201 of the natural resources and environmental protection
3 act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20101 to 324.20142, to compel response
4 activity on or to the eligible property, or expended any state
5 funds for response activity on or to the eligible property and
6 demanded reimbursement for those expenditures from the qualified
7 taxpayer. However, if the taxpayer has completed all response
8 activity required by part 201 of the natural resources and
9 environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20101 to
10 324.20142, is in compliance with any deed restriction or
11 administrative or judicial order related to the required response
12 activity, and has reimbursed the state for all costs incurred by
13 the state related to the required response activity, the taxpayer
14 meets the criteria under this subparagraph.

15 (m) "Urban development area project" means a project located
16 on eligible property in the downtown or traditional central
17 business district of a qualified local governmental unit or county
18 seat or along a traditional commercial corridor of a qualified
19 local governmental unit or county seat as determined by the
20 Michigan economic growth authority or the chairperson of the
21 Michigan economic growth authority or his or her designee.

22 (35) ~~(33)~~—For purposes of subsection (2), eligible property
23 means that term as defined under subsection ~~(32)(e)~~—(34) (E) except
24 that all of the following apply:

25 (a) Eligible property means property identified under a
26 brownfield plan that was used or is currently used for commercial,
27 industrial, public, or residential purposes and that is 1 of the

1 following:

2 (i) Property for which eligible activities are identified under
3 the brownfield plan, is in a qualified local governmental unit, and
4 is a facility, functionally obsolete, or blighted.

5 (ii) Property that is not in a qualified local governmental
6 unit but is within a downtown development district established
7 under 1975 PA 197, MCL 125.1651 to 125.1681, and is functionally
8 obsolete or blighted, and a component of the project on that
9 eligible property is 1 or more of the following:

10 (A) Infrastructure improvements that directly benefit the
11 eligible property.

12 (B) Demolition of structures that is not response activity
13 under section 20101 of the natural resources and environmental
14 protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20101.

15 (C) Lead or asbestos abatement.

16 (D) Site preparation that is not response activity under
17 section 20101 of the natural resources and environmental protection
18 act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20101.

19 (iii) Property for which eligible activities are identified
20 under the brownfield plan, is not in a qualified local governmental
21 unit, and is a facility.

22 (b) Eligible property includes parcels that are adjacent or
23 contiguous to the eligible property if the development of the
24 adjacent or contiguous parcels is estimated to increase the
25 captured taxable value of the property or tax reverted property
26 owned or under the control of a land bank fast track authority
27 pursuant to the land bank fast track act, 2003 PA 258, MCL 124.751

1 to 124.774.

2 (c) Eligible property includes, to the extent included in the
3 brownfield plan, personal property located on the eligible
4 property.

5 (d) Eligible property does not include qualified agricultural
6 property exempt under section 7ee of the general property tax act,
7 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.7ee, from the tax levied by a local school
8 district for school operating purposes to the extent provided under
9 section 1211 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1211.