

# SENATE BILL NO. 279

May 01, 2025, Introduced by Senators VICTORY and DALEY and referred to Committee on Economic and Community Development.

A bill to amend 1984 PA 270, entitled "Michigan strategic fund act," (MCL 125.2001 to 125.2094) by amending the title, as amended by 2005 PA 225, and by adding chapter 7A.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1 TITLE  
2 An act relating to the economic development of this state; to  
3 create the Michigan strategic fund and to prescribe its powers and  
4 duties; to transfer and provide for the acquisition and succession  
5 to the rights, properties, obligations, and duties of the job

1 development authority and the Michigan economic development  
2 authority to the Michigan strategic fund; to provide for the  
3 expenditure of proceeds in certain funds to which the Michigan  
4 strategic fund succeeds in ownership; to provide for the issuance  
5 of, and terms and conditions for, certain notes and bonds of the  
6 Michigan strategic fund; to create certain boards and funds; to  
7 create certain permanent funds; to exempt the property, income, and  
8 operation of the fund and its bonds and notes, and the interest  
9 thereon, from certain taxes; to provide for the creation of certain  
10 centers **and offices** within and for the purposes of the Michigan  
11 strategic fund; to provide for the creation and funding of certain  
12 accounts for certain purposes; to impose certain powers and duties  
13 upon certain officials, departments, and authorities of this state;  
14 to make certain loans, grants, and investments; to provide  
15 penalties; to make an appropriation; and to repeal acts and parts  
16 of acts.

#### 17 **CHAPTER 7A**

18 **Sec. 79a. As used in this chapter:**

19 (a) "Business permitting support fund" means the business  
20 permitting support fund created in section 79c.

21 (b) "Michigan business" means a business that is located in or  
22 operates in this state or will be located in or will operate in  
23 this state, as determined by the fund.

24 (c) "Office" means the office of business permitting support  
25 created in section 79b.

26 (d) "Permit" means any permit, license, certification, or  
27 other discretionary approval issued by a state agency.

28 (e) "State agency" means a department, board, commission,  
29 office, agency, authority, or other unit of state government.

1           Sec. 79b. (1) The office of business permitting support is  
2 created in the fund.

3           (2) The fund shall operate the office and may hire not more  
4 than 5 full-time equivalent employees for the office.

5           (3) The office shall do all of the following:

6           (a) Assist Michigan businesses with navigating the  
7 requirements for and obtaining state permits.

8           (b) Work with other state agencies to create an integrated and  
9 coordinated permitting system and to streamline the permitting  
10 process for Michigan businesses.

11           (c) Develop resources by industry and activity to enable  
12 Michigan businesses to obtain permitting information relevant to a  
13 type of business or particular activity from a single source.

14           (d) Create and operate a website for Michigan businesses that  
15 includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

16           (i) Contact information for the office.

17           (ii) Step-by-step instructions on the governmental requirements  
18 of how to start and operate a business in this state.

19           (iii) The resources developed under subdivision (c).

20           Sec. 79c. (1) The business permitting support fund is created  
21 in the state treasury.

22           (2) The state treasurer shall deposit money and other assets  
23 received from appropriations for the office or from any other  
24 source in the business permitting support fund. The state treasurer  
25 shall direct the investment of money in the business permitting  
26 support fund and credit interest and earnings from the investments  
27 to the business permitting support fund.

28           (3) Money in the business permitting support fund at the close  
29 of a fiscal year remains in the business permitting support fund

1 and does not lapse to the general fund.

2 (4) The fund is the administrator of the business permitting  
3 support fund for audits of the business permitting support fund.

4 (5) The fund shall expend money from the business permitting  
5 support fund, on appropriation, only for 1 or more of the following  
6 purposes:

7 (a) Operation of the office.

8 (b) To otherwise carry out the purposes of this chapter.

9 Sec. 79d. A state agency that issues permits shall do all of  
10 the following:

11 (a) Provide information requested by the office to carry out  
12 the purposes of this chapter.

13 (b) Coordinate with the office with respect to the issuance of  
14 permits to Michigan businesses.

15 (c) Cooperate with the office to fulfill the requirements of  
16 section 79b(3).

17 Sec. 79e. Not later than 30 days after the end of the fiscal  
18 year, the office shall submit a written report to the governor and  
19 each house of the legislature. The written report under this  
20 section must include all of the following:

21 (a) A description of the office's activities under this  
22 chapter.

23 (b) Recommendations for improvements to this state's  
24 permitting processes to make those permitting processes less  
25 burdensome for Michigan businesses.