

New tax credits approved by Senate

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The state hopes to encourage developers to reclaim old blighted industrial facilities through a set of new tax credits, approved in a series of bills last week by the Michigan Senate.

The four-bill package, Senate Bill 289 and House Bills 4400, 5443 and 5444, were approved in 37-1 votes. Lawmakers hope the legislation will entice developers to redevelop blighted areas by allowing the developers to receive special tax credits.

The package would revise the Michigan Economic Growth Authority program to allow the

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state to approve up to 15 tax credits per year for brownfield redevelopment in a list of 80 communities. Three could be for between \$10 million and \$30 million. The larger credits would be for up to 10 percent of the redevelopment investment. Thirteen of the new MEGA tax credits would be limited to between \$1 million and \$10 mil-

lion. Thirty credits would be allowed per year for brownfield projects below \$1 million.

Those projects would have to obtain the approval of the State Treasurer. The package would also allow up to fifty MEGA grants for businesses deemed to be high technology.

The bills were amended to allow for redevelopment of sports

stadiums as well through amendments offered by Sen. Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield Hills) and Mat Dunaskias (R-Lake Orion).

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All local senators voted for the package. The bills were initially called for by Gov. John Engler in his State of the State address, to redirect development of industrial facilities away from greenfield areas and back toward central cities.

Honor from page D7

Moiseoff, Emily A. Moiseoff, Anthony R. Moran, Katy Murphy, Michael Murland, Sarah A. Nallet, Erica L. Nierwicki, Sara E. Niskanen, Bakr I. Odeh, Lisa C. Palatin, Jonathan M. Pawlak, Gregory L. Peszek, David A. Peterson, Julia M. Power, Thomas Rahn, Carolyn K. Randolph and Charles R. Raymond.

Deepa Rangaraj, Rachel M. Scian, Heather Semposki, Leah H. Shorban, John S. Sloan III, Matt E. Smart, Kelly A. Starr, Atlanta M. Stewart, Sarah A. Stewart, Katie C. Stolman, Kristel C. Stricker, John W. Tattershall, Rebecca C. Thomas, Shamik B. Trivedi, Kelli A. Twigg, Kanna Utsgui, Kevin A. Venit, Jacqueline L. Walker, Stephen M. Wayne, Owen S. Weber, Lauren E. Wetzler, Bryan W. Wilkinson, Kalyan Willis, Mark J. Wilson and Matthew D. Yanke.

15TH GRADE
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Melissa A. Darcy, Rebecca A. Depotter, Nicholas Derocher, Steven Devo, Jennifer L. Dickey, Paolo Diclemonte, Kristin N. Dicostanza, Radhika Dixit, Christi L. Doot, Jenkins E. Ebiwara, Laura E. Eldridge, Kathryn J. Escott, Eric Firth, Keith S. Fleck, Christina M. Ford, Jeffrey M. Frederick, Heather M. Froman, Angela M. Garafola, Alexander D. Gay and

Justin Gerwatawaki, Garlin D. Gilchrist II, Laura M. Giovannini, Nikki A. Giroux, Anne M. Gourley, Lauren E. Graham, Mark E. Green, Dustin A. Gross, Donyso D. Guth, Matthew Gwynn, Stacey L. Habertroh, Erik J. Hartley, Lynn C. Harvie, Elizabeth Haymond, Leslie A. Helisek, Shelby A. Henry, Gabo Holland, Devin M. Hopper, Fallon L. James, Tatsum A. Jormont, D'Elmore S. Johnson, Francis J. Judge, Jonathan R. Kambouris, Andrew D. Kenerson and Lauren E. Kleinman.

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Christopher E. Nigrant, Kristen Olson, Asad Omar, Meghan A. Orrear, Hilary J. Ormond, Meghan A. Osborne, Mark A. Ostach, Stephanie Pakula and Heidi M. Paquette.

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OBITUARIES

THADDEUS G. MAZUR
 Services for Thaddeus George Mazur, 62, of Detroit, were held April 14 at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. Mazur was born June 25, 1917, and died April 11 at McPherson Hospital. He was a World War II veteran.

He is survived by daughters, Mary Mazur and Karen (Ron) Wilkin; son, Thomas; brothers, Emil, Chester and Joseph; sisters, Helen Redziniak; and granddaughter, Christina Sheppard.

Memorials may be made to St. Gerard Parish in Detroit.

at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn.

Mr. Lipa was born Sept. 1, 1919, in Highland Park and died April 11 at Heartland Health Care Center in Livonia. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service and was a member of St. Alphonus Catholic Church in Dearborn.

He is survived by sister, Rose Soderlund; niece, Barbara (Brian) Barnard; nephew, Alan (Brenda) Soderlund; and great-nephew, Kyle Soderlund.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Alphonus Church, 7455 Calhoun Ave., Dearborn.

RAMONA M. SLYVER
 Services for Ramona Mildred Slyver, 71, of Farmington Hills, were held April 14 at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with burial at Oakwood Cemetery in Farmington.

Mrs. Slyver was born Oct. 15, 1928, and died April 10 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She was a secretary for Southfield schools.

She is survived by daughters, Christine (Dennis) Pierce, Lynda (Paul Melboeuf) Cole, Kathleen Slyver and Judith (Frank) Gorliz; sons, David (Carol) Slyver, Donald Jr. (Mary) Slyver and Douglas Slyver; brother, Herb Ewald; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

RICHARD C. DENNISON JR.
 Services for Richard Cornell Dennison Jr., 64, of Farmington Hills, were held April 15 at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills with the Rev. David Noble and Rev. Sue Ellis-Melrose officiating.

Mr. Dennison was born March 13, 1936, in Detroit and died April 7. He was a retired local president of Glazier Architectural Metal and Glasworkers Local No. 357. He was also a lifetime member of B.A.S.S.

He is survived by daughter, Janice Dennison; son, David (Jill) Dennison; sister, Donna Lee (Dr. Karl) Lindfors; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to First Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills. Arrangements were made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

JERRY LIPA
 Services for Jerry Lipa, 80, of Dearborn, were held April 14 at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Scott Thibodeau officiating. Burial took place

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING APRIL 10, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bates at 7:30 pm.

Council Present: Barnett, Bates, Brickner, Ellis, Grant, McRae and Oliverio.

Council Absent: None.

Others Present: City Manager Brock, City Clerk Dorman, Assistant City Manager Whinnery, Assistant to the City Manager Arbenowaks, Directors Blazell, Lasley and Attorney Donohue.

CITY COUNCIL TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- Recognized:
 - Farmington Area Jaycees for their contributions to the community.
 - Students participating in East and Duncel Middle Schools Back-to-Back Program in France.
 - Programming achievements and awards received by the city's Video Division personnel.
- Received verbal presentations on:
 - Mission and services of the Council of Homeowners Association.
 - 47th District Court annual report.
 - Pending legislative issues.
- Received Attorney's Report for April.

TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- 2000 Dust Control Program SAD; awarded contract to Pollard Highway Products in the amount of \$29,410.
- Appointment of By Kerkrey to Consumer Protection Committee.
- Traffic Control Orders for no right turn on red at 9 Mile and Inkster; no parking zones on Redcliffe and Eldred.
- Special Event Permit for Farmington Hills Hunt Club Subdivision Bike Parade on April 15, 2000.
- Employment under Section 10.01A of City Code.
- City Council study session minutes of March 16th and regular meeting minutes of March 20, 2000.
- Entering into executive session meeting following regular meeting to discuss pending litigation.

AWARDED BIDS/PURCHASE ORDERS FOR:

- City Web Site development to Sequoia Diversified in an amount not to exceed \$180,000.
- Skid steer: for DPW from AIS Construction Equipment in the amount of \$26,110.
- Furniture for Police Department to Michigan Corporate Office Plus in the amount of \$49,354.
- Roadside grounds-keeping maintenance items to various vendors.

MAYOR NANCY BATES
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