SB-1167, As Passed House, September 14, 2006

SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1167

A bill to amend 2000 PA 322, entitled

"Julian-Stille value-added act,"

(MCL 285.301 to 285.304) by adding section 2b; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 2B. (1) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE PURPOSE 2 OF PROMOTING INNOVATION IN MICHIGAN AGRICULTURE AND IN AN EFFORT TO 3 MAKE MORE EARLY-STAGE CAPITAL AVAILABLE TO THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY, SHALL CONVENE AN AGRICULTURAL VALUE-ADDED 4 5 COMMERCIALIZATION ROUNDTABLE TO DISCUSS ALL FACETS OF THE 6 COMMERCIALIZATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, PROCESSES, AND SERVICES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE AVAILABILITY OF 7 8 CAPITAL, INNOVATION INFRASTRUCTURE, AND UNIVERSITY LICENSING OF

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY. THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INVITE
 AT LEAST ALL OF THE FOLLOWING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ROUNDTABLE:

3 (A) THREE INDIVIDUALS FROM AN ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING4 FARMERS.

5 (B) TWO INDIVIDUALS FROM AN ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING FOOD6 PROCESSORS.

7 (C) TWO INDIVIDUALS FROM AN ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING8 AGRIBUSINESS.

9 (D) TWO INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING AGRICULTURAL LENDING 10 INSTITUTIONS.

11 (E) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING AN INSTITUTE OF HIGHER12 EDUCATION.

(F) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
 OF AGRICULTURE--RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

15 (G) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING THE MICHIGAN STRATEGIC FUND.
16 (H) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
17 OF MICHIGAN.

(2) THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ROUNDTABLE SHALL BE CONVENED BY 18 19 THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE 20 DATE OF THIS SECTION. THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONVENE 21 THE ROUNDTABLE AT LEAST TWICE EACH CALENDAR YEAR, EXCEPT THAT IF 22 THIS SECTION TAKES EFFECT AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, THE ROUNDTABLE SHALL 23 CONVENE AT LEAST ONCE THE FIRST CALENDAR YEAR. THE ROUNDTABLE MAY 24 ADVISE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT ON THE NEED FOR A MORE 25 FREQUENT MEETING SCHEDULE. THE MEETINGS OF THE ROUNDTABLE SHALL BE 26 OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND SHALL BE HELD IN A PLACE AVAILABLE 27 TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE OF EACH

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MEETING OF THE ROUNDTABLE BY POSTING ON THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE AND 1 2 SUCH OTHER MEANS AS THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES APPROPRIATE. AT LEAST 3 1 MEETING OF THE ROUNDTABLE EACH YEAR SHALL BE HELD IN A RURAL 4 COMMUNITY. AT SUCH A MEETING, THE PUBLIC SHALL BE PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE ROUNDTABLE ON ISSUES WITHIN ITS PURVIEW. 5 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE A SUMMARY OF EACH MEETING OF THE 6 7 ROUNDTABLE INCLUDING A DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED DURING THE ROUNDTABLE MEETING. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DO BOTH OF THE 8 9 FOLLOWING:

10 (A) POST THE SUMMARY ON ITS WEBSITE.

(B) PROVIDE A COPY OF THE SUMMARY TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
ROUNDTABLE, TO ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTING A COPY, AND TO
THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DEALING PRIMARILY WITH AGRICULTURAL ISSUES.

15 (3) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED EFFECTIVE 2 YEARS AFTER THE
16 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
unless all of the following bills of the 93rd Legislature are
enacted into law:

- **20** (a) Senate Bill No. 1168.
- **21** (b) Senate Bill No. 1169.

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