

# HOUSE BILL No. 6124

August 4, 2004, Introduced by Reps. LaJoy, Taub and Ward and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Environment.

A bill to identify commerce centers; to target state funding; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials.

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

1       Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 "commerce center act".

3       Sec. 2. The legislature finds that it is in the public  
4 interest to recognize certain communities as commerce centers  
5 because of their urban and commercial character and that to  
6 improve commercial growth and development in this state it is  
7 necessary to provide these target areas with certain funding and  
8 assistance programs.

9       Sec. 3. As used in this act:

10       (a) "Commerce center" means any of the following:

11       (i) A city.

1 (ii) A village.

2 (iii) A township that meets all of the following conditions:

3 (A) Is located in a county with a population greater than  
4 400,000 as established by the latest federal decennial census.

5 (B) If the township has a population less than or equal to  
6 20,000 as established by the latest federal decennial census, the  
7 board of commissioners of the county in which the township is  
8 located has adopted a resolution approving the township's  
9 recognition as a commerce center.

10 (b) "Department" means the department of labor and economic  
11 growth.

12 (c) "Incorporated community" means a city or village.

13 Sec. 4. (1) The department shall annually identify each  
14 city, village, or township that qualifies as a commerce center  
15 under this act.

16 (2) The department shall make recommendations to the  
17 legislature for funding and program development that will assist  
18 commerce centers in encouraging commercial growth and  
19 development.

20 (3) The department shall report annually to the legislature  
21 regarding the activities and success of each commerce center  
22 located in this state.