

SENATE BILL No. 1660

December 2, 2008, Introduced by Senators STAMAS and BROWN and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled
"The general property tax act,"
(MCL 211.1 to 211.155) by adding section 700.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 700. (1) REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY USED TO IMPLEMENT OR
2 COMPLY WITH A WILDLIFE RISK MITIGATION ACTION PLAN FOR A BEEF OR
3 DAIRY FARM THAT IS LOCATED IN A MODIFIED ACCREDITED ZONE IS EXEMPT
4 FROM THE COLLECTION OF TAXES UNDER THIS ACT IF THAT BEEF OR DAIRY
5 FARM HAD A PREMISES IDENTIFICATION NUMBER REGISTERED WITH THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS TESTING PRIOR TO
7 SEPTEMBER 1, 2008.

8 (2) A PERSON CLAIMING AN EXEMPTION UNDER SUBSECTION (1) SHALL
9 FILE WITH THE ASSESSOR OF THE LOCAL TAX COLLECTING UNIT IN WHICH

1 THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IS LOCATED AN APPLICATION FOR THE
2 EXEMPTION IN A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, WHICH
3 SHALL INCLUDE A COPY OF THE WILDLIFE RISK MITIGATION ACTION PLAN
4 AND CERTIFICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE THAT THE
5 PERSON'S BEEF OR DAIRY FARM IS LOCATED IN A MODIFIED ACCREDITED
6 ZONE.

7 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

8 (A) "MODIFIED ACCREDITED ZONE" MEANS THOSE AREAS IDENTIFIED IN
9 THIS STATE UNDER 9 CFR 77.11 AS MODIFIED ACCREDITED ZONES.

10 (B) "PROJECT" MEANS CERTAIN RISK MITIGATING MEASURES, WHICH
11 MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

12 (i) MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR WILDLIFE TO ACCESS FEED BY STORING
13 LIVESTOCK FEED SECURELY, RESTRICTING WILDLIFE ACCESS TO FEEDING AND
14 WATERING AREAS, AND DETERRING OR REDUCING WILDLIFE PRESENCE AROUND
15 CATTLE AND CATTLE FEED BY STORING FEED IN AN ENCLOSED BARN,
16 WRAPPING BALES OR COVERING STACKS WITH TARPS, CLOSING ENDS OF BAGS,
17 STORING GRAINS IN ANIMAL-PROOF CONTAINERS OR BINS, MAINTAINING
18 FENCES, PRACTICING SMALL MAMMAL AND RODENT CONTROL, OR FEEDING AWAY
19 FROM DEER COVER.

20 (ii) MINIMIZING WILDLIFE ACCESS TO CATTLE FEED AND WATER BY
21 FEEDING CATTLE IN AN ENCLOSED AREA, FEEDING IN OPEN AREAS NEAR
22 BUILDINGS AND HUMAN ACTIVITY, REMOVING EXTRA OR WASTE FEED WHEN
23 CATTLE ARE MOVED, USING HAY FEEDERS TO REDUCE WASTE, USING
24 ARTIFICIAL WATER SYSTEMS TO HELP KEEP CATTLE FROM SHARING WATER
25 SOURCES WITH WILDLIFE, FENCING OFF STAGNANT PONDS AND WETLANDS, AND
26 KEEPING MINERAL FEEDERS NEAR BUILDINGS AND HUMAN ACTIVITY OR USING
27 DEVICES THAT RESTRICT DEER USAGE.

1 (C) "WILDLIFE RISK MITIGATION ACTION PLAN" MEANS A WRITTEN
2 PLAN CONSISTING OF 1 OR MORE PROJECTS TO HELP REDUCE THE RISKS OF
3 BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS SPREADING BETWEEN WILDLIFE AND LIVESTOCK AND IS
4 APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE ANIMAL INDUSTRY
5 ACT, 1988 PA 466, MCL 287.701 TO 287.745.