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## **HOUSE BILL No. 4441**

April 14, 2015, Introduced by Reps. Sarah Roberts and Victory and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending sections 3104, 3118, 3120, 3122, 4112, 11525a, 17303, and 17317 (MCL 324.3104, 324.3118, 324.3120, 324.3122, 324.4112, 324.11525a, 324.17303, and 324.17317), sections 3104, 3118, 3120, and 3122 as amended by 2011 PA 90, section 4112 as amended by 2010 PA 302, section 11525a as amended by 2013 PA 72, section 17303 as added by 2008 PA 394, and section 17317 as added by 2008 PA 395.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 3104. (1) The department is designated the state agency to cooperate and negotiate with other governments, governmental units, and governmental agencies in matters concerning the water resources of the state, including, but not limited to, flood control, beach erosion control, water quality control planning, development, and management, and the control of aquatic nuisance

- 1 species. The department shall have control over the alterations of
- 2 natural or present watercourses of all rivers and streams in the
- 3 THIS state to assure that the channels and the portions of the
- 4 floodplains that are the floodways are not inhabited and are kept
- 5 free and clear of interference or obstruction that will cause any
- 6 undue restriction of the capacity of the floodway. The department
- 7 may take steps as may be necessary to take advantage of any act of
- 8 congress that may be of assistance in carrying out the purposes of
- 9 this part, including the water resources planning act, 42 USC 1962
- 10 to 1962d-3, and the federal water pollution control act, 33 USC
- **11** 1251 to 1387.
- 12 (2) To address discharges of aquatic nuisance species from
- 13 oceangoing vessels that damage water quality, aquatic habitat, or
- 14 fish or wildlife, the department shall facilitate the formation of
- 15 a Great Lakes aquatic nuisance species coalition. The Great Lakes
- 16 aquatic nuisance species coalition shall be formed through an
- 17 agreement entered into with other states in the Great Lakes basin
- 18 to implement on a basin-wide basis water pollution laws that
- 19 prohibit the discharge of aquatic nuisance species into the Great
- 20 Lakes from oceangoing vessels. The department shall seek to enter
- 21 into an agreement that will become effective not later than January
- 22 1, 2007. The department shall consult with the department of
- 23 natural resources prior to entering into this agreement. Upon
- 24 entering into the agreement, the department shall notify the
- 25 Canadian Great Lakes provinces of the terms of the agreement. The
- 26 department shall seek funding from the Great Lakes protection fund
- 27 authorized under part 331 to implement the Great Lakes aquatic

- 1 nuisance species coalition.
- 2 (3) The department shall report to the governor and to the
- 3 legislature at least annually on any plans or projects being
- 4 implemented or considered for implementation. The report shall
- 5 include requests for any legislation needed to implement any
- 6 proposed projects or agreements made necessary as a result of a
- 7 plan or project, together with any requests for appropriations. The
- 8 department may make recommendations to the governor on the
- 9 designation of areawide water quality planning regions and
- 10 organizations relative to the governor's responsibilities under the
- 11 federal water pollution control act, 33 USC 1251 to 1387.
- 12 (4) A person shall not alter a floodplain except as authorized
- 13 by a floodplain permit issued by the department pursuant to part
- 14 13. An application for a permit shall include information that may
- 15 be required by the department to assess the proposed alteration's
- 16 impact on the floodplain. If an alteration includes activities at
- 17 multiple locations in a floodplain, 1 application may be filed for
- 18 combined activities.
- 19 (5) Except as provided in subsections (6), (7), and (9), until
- 20 October 1, 2015, 2019, an application for a floodplain permit shall
- 21 be accompanied by a fee of \$500.00. Until October 1, 2015, 2019, if
- 22 the department determines that engineering computations are
- 23 required to assess the impact of a proposed floodplain alteration
- 24 on flood stage or discharge characteristics, the department shall
- 25 assess the applicant an additional \$1,500.00 to cover the
- 26 department's cost of review.
- 27 (6) Until October 1, <del>2015, 2019,</del> an application for a

- 1 floodplain permit for a minor project category shall be accompanied
- 2 by a fee of \$100.00. Minor project categories shall be established
- 3 by rule and shall include activities and projects that are similar
- 4 in nature and have minimal potential for causing harmful
- 5 interference.
- 6 (7) If work has been done in violation of a permit requirement
- 7 under this part and restoration is not ordered by the department,
- 8 the department may accept an application for a permit for that work
- 9 if the application is accompanied by a fee equal to 2 times the
- 10 permit fee required under subsection (5) or (6).
- 11 (8) The department shall forward fees collected under this
- 12 section to the state treasurer for deposit in the land and water
- 13 management permit fee fund created in section 30113.
- 14 (9) A project that requires review and approval under this
- 15 part and 1 or more of the following is subject to only the single
- 16 highest permit fee required under this part or the following:
- **17** (a) Part 301.
- **18** (b) Part 303.
- **19** (c) Part 323.
- **20** (d) Part 325.
- 21 (e) Section 117 of the land division act, 1967 PA 288, MCL
- **22** 560.117.
- 23 Sec. 3118. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
- 24 until October 1, 2015, 2019, the department shall collect storm
- 25 water discharge fees from persons who apply for or have been issued
- 26 storm water discharge permits as follows:
- 27 (a) A 1-time fee of \$400.00 is required for a permit related

- 1 solely to a site of construction activity for each permitted site.
- 2 The fee shall be submitted by the permit applicant with his or her
- 3 application for an individual permit or for a certificate of
- 4 coverage under a general permit. For a permit by rule, the fee
- 5 shall be submitted by the construction site permittee along with
- 6 his or her notice of coverage. A person needing more than 1 permit
- 7 may submit a single payment for more than 1 permit and receive
- 8 appropriate credit. Payment of the fee under this subdivision or
- 9 verification of prepayment is a necessary part of a valid permit
- 10 application or notice of coverage under a permit by rule.
- 11 (b) An annual fee of \$260.00 is required for a permit related
- 12 solely to a storm water discharge associated with industrial
- 13 activity or from a commercial site for which the department
- 14 determines a permit is needed.
- 15 (c) An annual fee of \$500.00 is required for a permit for a
- 16 municipal separate storm sewer system, unless the permit is issued
- 17 to a city, a village, a township, or a county or is a single permit
- 18 authorization for municipal separate storm sewer systems in
- 19 multiple locations statewide.
- 20 (d) An annual fee for a permit for a municipal separate storm
- 21 sewer system issued to a city, village, or township shall be
- 22 determined by its population in an urbanized area as defined by the
- 23 United States bureau of the census. BUREAU OF THE CENSUS. The fee
- 24 shall be based on the latest available decennial census as follows:
- (i) For a population of 1,000 people or fewer, the annual fee
- 26 is \$500.00.
- (ii) For a population of more than 1,000 people, but fewer than

- 1 3,001 people, the annual fee is \$1,000.00.
- 2 (iii) For a population of more than 3,000 people, but fewer than
- 3 10,001 people, the annual fee is \$2,000.00.
- 4 (iv) For a population of more than 10,000 people, but fewer
- 5 than 30,001 people, the annual fee is \$3,000.00.
- 6 (v) For a population of more than 30,000 people, but fewer
- 7 than 50,001 people, the annual fee is \$4,000.00.
- vi) For a population of more than 50,000 people, but fewer
- 9 than 75,001 people, the annual fee is \$5,000.00.
- 10 (vii) For a population of more than 75,000 people, but fewer
- 11 than 100,001 people, the annual fee is \$6,000.00.
- 12 (viii) For a population of more than 100,000 people, the annual
- 13 fee is \$7,000.00.
- 14 (e) An annual fee of \$3,000.00 is required for a permit for a
- 15 municipal separate storm sewer system issued to a county.
- 16 (f) An annual fee for a single municipal separate storm sewer
- 17 systems permit authorizing a state or federal agency to operate
- 18 municipal separate storm sewer systems in multiple locations
- 19 statewide shall be determined in accordance with a memorandum of
- 20 understanding between that state or federal agency and the
- 21 department and shall be based on the projected needs by the
- 22 department to administer the permit.
- 23 (2) A storm water discharge permit is not required for a
- 24 municipality that does not own or operate a separate storm sewer
- 25 system. The department shall not collect storm water discharge fees
- 26 under this section from a municipality that does not own or operate
- 27 a separate storm sewer system.

- 1 (3) Permit fees required under this section are nonrefundable.
- 2 (4) A person possessing a permit not related solely to a site
- 3 of construction activity as of January 1 shall be assessed a fee.
- 4 The department shall notify those persons of their fee assessments
- 5 by February 1. Payment shall be postmarked no later than March 15.
- 6 Failure by the department to send a fee assessment notification by
- 7 the deadline, or failure of a person to receive a fee assessment
- 8 notification, does not relieve that person of his or her obligation
- 9 to pay the fee. If the department does not meet the February
- 10 deadline for sending the fee assessment, the fee assessment is due
- 11 not later than 45 days after the permittee receives a fee
- 12 notification.
- 13 (5) If a storm water permit is issued for a drainage district,
- 14 the drainage district is responsible for the applicable fee under
- 15 this section.
- 16 (6) The department shall assess interest on all fee payments
- 17 submitted under this section after the due date. The permittee
- 18 shall pay an additional amount equal to 0.75% of the payment due
- 19 for each month or portion of a month the payment remains past due.
- 20 (7) The department shall forward all fees and interest
- 21 payments collected under this section to the state treasurer for
- 22 deposit into the fund.
- 23 (8) The department shall make payment of the required fee
- 24 assessed under this section a condition of issuance or reissuance
- 25 of a permit not related solely to a site of construction activity.
- 26 (9) In addition to any other penalty provided in this part, if
- 27 a person fails to pay the fee required under this section by its

- 1 due date, the person is in violation of this part and the
- 2 department may undertake enforcement actions as authorized under
- 3 this part.
- 4 (10) The attorney general may bring an action to collect
- 5 overdue fees and interest payments imposed under this section.
- 6 (11) If the permit is for a municipal separate storm sewer
- 7 system and the population served by that system is different than
- 8 the latest decennial census, the permittee may appeal the annual
- 9 fee determination and submit written verification of actual
- 10 population served by the municipal separate storm sewer system.
- 11 (12) A person who wishes to appeal either a fee or a penalty
- 12 assessed under this section is limited to an administrative appeal,
- 13 in accordance with section 631 of the revised judicature act of
- 14 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.631. The appeal shall be filed within 30
- 15 days of the department's fee notification under subsection (4).
- 16 (13) As used in this section and section 3119:
- 17 (a) "Certificate of coverage" means a document issued by the
- 18 department that authorizes a discharge under a general permit.
- 19 (b) "Clean water act" means the federal water pollution
- 20 control act, 33 USC 1251 to 1387.
- 21 (c) "Construction activity" means a human-made earth change or
- 22 disturbance in the existing cover or topography of land that is 5
- 23 acres or more in size, for which a national permit is required
- 24 pursuant to 40 CFR 122.26(a), and which is described as a
- 25 construction activity in 40 CFR 122.26(b)(14)(x). Construction
- 26 activity includes clearing, grading, and excavating activities.
- 27 Construction activity does not include the practice of clearing,

- 1 plowing, tilling soil, and harvesting for the purpose of crop
- 2 production.
- 3 (d) "Fee" means a storm water discharge fee authorized under
- 4 this section.
- (e) "Fund" means the storm water fund created in section 3119.
- 6 (f) "General permit" means a permit issued authorizing a
- 7 category of similar discharges.
- 8 (g) "Individual permit" means a site-specific permit.
- 9 (h) "Municipal separate storm sewer system" means all separate
- 10 storm sewers that are owned or operated by the United States or a
- 11 state, city, village, township, county, district, association, or
- 12 other public body created by or pursuant to state law, having
- 13 jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, storm
- 14 water, or other wastes, including special districts under state
- 15 law, such as a sewer district, flood control district, or drainage
- 16 district or similar entity, or a designated or approved management
- 17 agency under section 208 of the clean water act, 33 USC 1288, that
- 18 discharges to waters of the state. Municipal separate storm sewer
- 19 system includes systems similar to separate storm sewer systems in
- 20 municipalities, such as systems at military bases, large hospital
- 21 or prison complexes, and highways and other thoroughfares.
- 22 Municipal separate storm sewer system does not include separate
- 23 storm sewers in very discrete areas, such as individual buildings.
- 24 (i) "Notice of coverage" means a notice that a person engaging
- 25 in construction activity agrees to comply with a permit by rule for
- 26 that activity.
- 27 (j) "Permit" or "storm water discharge permit" means a permit

- 1 authorizing the discharge of wastewater or any other substance to
- 2 surface waters of the state under the national pollutant discharge
- 3 elimination system, pursuant to the clean water act or this part
- 4 and the rules and regulations promulgated under that act or this
- 5 part.
- 6 (k) "Public body" means the United States, the state of
- 7 Michigan, a city, village, township, county, school district,
- 8 public college or university, or single purpose governmental
- 9 agency, or any other body that is created by federal or state
- 10 statute or law.
- 11 (l) "Separate storm sewer system" means a system of drainage,
- 12 including, but not limited to, roads, catch basins, curbs, gutters,
- 13 parking lots, ditches, conduits, pumping devices, or man-made
- 14 channels, that has the following characteristics:
- 15 (i) The system is not a combined sewer where storm water mixes
- 16 with sanitary wastes.
- 17 (ii) The system is not part of a publicly owned treatment
- 18 works.
- (m) "Storm water" means storm water runoff, snowmelt runoff,
- 20 and surface runoff and drainage.
- 21 (n) "Storm water discharge associated with industrial
- 22 activity" means a point source discharge of storm water from a
- 23 facility that is defined as an industrial activity under 40 CFR
- **24** 122.26 (b) (14) (i) to (ix) and (xi).
- 25 Sec. 3120. (1) Until October 1, <del>2015, 2019,</del> an application for
- 26 a new permit, a reissuance of a permit, or a modification of an
- 27 existing permit under this part authorizing a discharge into

- 1 surface water, other than a storm water discharge, shall be
- 2 accompanied by an application fee as follows:
- 3 (a) For an EPA major facility permit, \$750.00.
- 4 (b) For an EPA minor facility individual permit, a CSO permit,
- 5 or a wastewater stabilization lagoon individual permit, \$400.00.
- 6 (c) For an EPA minor facility general permit, \$75.00.
- 7 (2) Within 180 days after receipt of a complete application
- 8 for a new or increased use permit, the department shall either
- 9 grant or deny the permit, unless the applicant and the department
- 10 agree to extend this time period.
- 11 (3) By September 30 of the year following the submittal of a
- 12 complete application for reissuance of a permit, the department
- 13 shall either grant or deny the permit, unless the applicant and the
- 14 department agree to extend this time period.
- 15 (4) If the department fails to make a decision on an
- 16 application within the applicable time period under subsection (2)
- 17 or (3), the department shall return to the applicant the
- 18 application fee submitted under subsection (1) and the applicant
- 19 shall not be subject to an application fee and shall receive a 15%
- 20 annual discount on an annual permit fee required for a permit
- 21 issued based upon that application.
- 22 (5) Until October 1, 2015, 2019, a person who receives a
- 23 permit under this part authorizing a discharge into surface water,
- 24 other than a stormwater discharge, is subject to an annual permit
- 25 fee as follows:
- 26 (a) For an industrial or commercial facility that is an EPA
- 27 major facility, \$8,700.00.

- 1 (b) For an industrial or commercial facility that is an EPA
- 2 minor facility, the following amounts:
- 3 (i) For a general permit for a low-flow facility, \$150.00.
- 4 (ii) For a general permit for a high-flow facility, \$400.00.
- 5 (iii) For an individual permit for a low-flow facility,
- **6** \$1,650.00.
- 7 (iv) For an individual permit for a high-flow facility,
- **8** \$3,650.00.
- 9 (c) For a municipal facility that is an EPA major facility,
- 10 the following amounts:
- 11 (i) For an individual permit for a facility discharging 500 MGD
- 12 or more, \$213,000.00.
- (ii) For an individual permit for a facility discharging 50 MGD
- 14 or more but less than 500 MGD, \$20,000.00.
- 15 (iii) For an individual permit for a facility discharging 10 MGD
- 16 or more but less than 50 MGD, \$13,000.00.
- 17 (iv) For an individual permit for a facility discharging less
- 18 than 10 MGD, \$5,500.00.
- (d) For a municipal facility that is an EPA minor facility,
- 20 the following amounts:
- 21 (i) For an individual permit for a facility discharging 10 MGD
- 22 or more, \$3,775.00.
- 23 (ii) For an individual permit for a facility discharging 1 MGD
- 24 or more but less than 10 MGD, \$3,000.00.
- 25 (iii) For an individual permit for a facility discharging less
- 26 than 1 MGD, \$1,950.00.
- (iv) For a general permit for a high-flow facility, \$600.00.

- 1 (v) For a general permit for a low-flow facility, \$400.00.
- 2 (e) For a municipal facility that is a CSO facility,
- **3** \$6,000.00.
- 4 (f) For an individual permit for a wastewater stabilization
- 5 lagoon, \$1,525.00.
- 6 (g) For an individual or general permit for an agricultural
- 7 purpose, \$600.00, unless either of the following applies:
- 8 (i) The facility is an EPA minor facility and would qualify for
- 9 a general permit for a low-flow facility, in which case the fee is
- **10** \$150.00.
- 11 (ii) The facility is an EPA major facility that is not a
- 12 farmers' cooperative corporation, in which case the fee is
- **13** \$8,700.00.
- 14 (h) For a facility that holds a permit issued under this part
- 15 but has no discharge and is connected to and is authorized to
- 16 discharge only to a municipal wastewater treatment system, an
- 17 annual permit maintenance fee of \$100.00. However, if a facility
- 18 does have a discharge or at some point is no longer connected to a
- 19 municipal wastewater treatment system, the annual permit fee shall
- 20 be the appropriate fee as otherwise provided in this subsection.
- 21 (6) If the person required to pay an application fee under
- 22 subsection (1) or an annual permit fee under subsection (5) is a
- 23 municipality, the municipality may pass on the application fee or
- 24 the annual permit fee, or both, to each user of the municipal
- 25 facility.
- 26 (7) The department shall send invoices for annual permit fees
- 27 under subsection (5) to all permit holders by December 1 of each

- 1 year. The fee shall be based on the status of the facility as of
- 2 October 1 of that year. A person subject to an annual permit fee
- 3 shall pay the fee not later than January 15 of each year. Failure
- 4 by the department to send an invoice by the deadline, or failure of
- 5 a person to receive an invoice, does not relieve that person of his
- 6 or her obligation to pay the annual permit fee. If the department
- 7 does not meet the December 1 deadline for sending invoices, the
- 8 annual permit fee is due not later than 45 days after receiving an
- 9 invoice. The department shall forward annual permit fees received
- 10 under this section to the state treasurer for deposit into the
- 11 national pollutant discharge elimination system fund created in
- **12** section 3121.
- 13 (8) The department shall assess a penalty on all annual permit
- 14 fee payments submitted under this section after the due date. The
- 15 penalty shall be an amount equal to 0.75% of the payment due for
- 16 each month or portion of a month the payment remains past due.
- 17 (9) Following payment of an annual permit fee, if a permittee
- 18 wishes to challenge its annual permit fee under this section, the
- 19 owner or operator shall submit the challenge in writing to the
- 20 department. The department shall not process the challenge unless
- 21 it is received by the department by March 1 of the year the payment
- 22 is due. A challenge shall identify the facility and state the
- 23 grounds upon which the challenge is based. Within 30 calendar days
- 24 after receipt of the challenge, the department shall determine the
- 25 validity of the challenge and provide the permittee with
- 26 notification of a revised annual permit fee and a refund, if
- 27 appropriate, or a statement setting forth the reason or reasons why

- 1 the annual permit fee was not revised. If the owner or operator of
- 2 a facility desires to further challenge its annual permit fee, the
- 3 owner or operator of the facility has an opportunity for a
- 4 contested case hearing as provided for under the administrative
- 5 procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.
- 6 (10) The attorney general may bring an action for the
- 7 collection of the annual permit fee imposed under this section.
- 8 (11) As used in this section:
- 9 (a) "Agricultural purpose" means the agricultural production
- 10 or processing of those plants and animals useful to human beings
- 11 produced by agriculture and includes, but is not limited to,
- 12 forages and sod crops, grains and feed crops, field crops, dairy
- 13 animals and dairy products, poultry and poultry products, cervidae,
- 14 livestock, including breeding and grazing, equine, fish and other
- 15 aquacultural products, bees and bee products, berries, herbs,
- 16 fruits, vegetables, flowers, seeds, grasses, nursery stock, trees
- 17 and tree products, mushrooms, and other similar products, or any
- 18 other product, as determined by the commission of agriculture and
- 19 rural development, that incorporates the use of food, feed, fiber,
- 20 or fur. Agricultural purpose includes an operation or facility that
- 21 produces wine.
- 22 (b) "Combined sewer overflow" means a discharge from a
- 23 combined sewer system that occurs when the flow capacity of the
- 24 combined sewer system is exceeded at a point prior to the headworks
- 25 of a publicly owned treatment works during wet weather conditions.
- (c) "Combined sewer system" means a sewer designed and used to
- 27 convey both storm water runoff and sanitary sewage, and that

- 1 contains lawfully installed regulators and control devices that
- 2 allow for delivery of sanitary flow to treatment during dry weather
- 3 periods and divert storm water and sanitary sewage to surface
- 4 waters during storm flow periods.
- 5 (d) "CSO facility" means a facility whose discharge is solely
- 6 a combined sewer overflow.
- 7 (e) "EPA major facility" means a facility that is designated
- 8 by the United States environmental protection agency ENVIRONMENTAL
- 9 PROTECTION AGENCY as being a major facility under 40 CFR 122.2.
- 10 (f) "EPA minor facility" means a facility that is not an EPA
- 11 major facility.
- 12 (g) "Farmers' cooperative corporation" means a farmers'
- 13 cooperative corporation organized within the limitations of section
- 14 98 of 1931 PA 327, MCL 450.98.
- 15 (h) "General permit" means a permit suitable for use at
- 16 facilities meeting eligibility criteria as specified in the permit.
- 17 With a general permit, the discharge from a specific facility is
- 18 acknowledged through a certificate of coverage issued to the
- **19** facility.
- 20 (i) "High-flow facility" means a facility that discharges 1
- 21 MGD or more.
- 22 (j) "Individual permit" means a permit developed for a
- 23 particular facility, taking into account that facility's specific
- 24 characteristics.
- 25 (k) "Industrial or commercial facility" means a facility that
- 26 is not a municipal facility.
- 27 (l) "Low-flow facility" means a facility that discharges less

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- 1 than 1 MGD.
- 2 (m) "MGD" means 1,000,000 gallons per day.
- 3 (n) "Municipal facility" means a facility that is designed to
- 4 collect or treat sanitary wastewater, and is either publicly or
- 5 privately owned, and serves a residential area or a group of
- 6 municipalities.
- 7 (o) "Wastewater stabilization lagoon" means a type of
- 8 treatment system constructed of ponds or basins designed to
- 9 receive, hold, and treat sanitary wastewater for a predetermined
- 10 amount of time through a combination of physical, biological, and
- 11 chemical processes.
- 12 Sec. 3122. (1) Until October 1, 2015, [2016], the department may
- 13 levy and collect an annual groundwater discharge permit fee from
- 14 facilities that discharge wastewater to the ground or groundwater
- 15 of this state pursuant to section 3112. The fee shall be as
- 16 follows:
- 17 (a) For a group 1 facility, \$3,650.00.
- 18 (b) For a group 2 facility or a municipality of 1,000 or fewer
- 19 residents, \$1,500.00.
- (c) For a group 3 facility, \$200.00.
- 21 (2) Within 180 days after receipt of a complete application
- 22 for a permit to discharge wasterwater to the ground or to
- 23 groundwater, the department shall either grant or deny a permit,
- 24 unless the applicant and the department agree to extend this time
- 25 period. If the department fails to make a decision on an
- 26 application within the time period specified or agreed to under
- 27 this subsection, an applicant subject to an annual groundwater

- 1 discharge permit fee shall receive a 15% annual discount on the
- 2 annual groundwater discharge permit fee.
- 3 (3) If the person required to pay the annual groundwater
- 4 discharge permit fee under subsection (1) is a municipality, the
- 5 municipality may pass on the annual groundwater discharge permit
- 6 fee to each user of the municipal facility.
- 7 (4) As used in this section, "group 1 facility", "group 2
- 8 facility", and "group 3 facility" do not include a municipality
- 9 with a population of 1,000 or fewer residents.
- 10 Sec. 4112. (1) For projects described in subsection (2), an
- 11 expedited review process shall be available through September 30,
- 12 2015. To be eligible for expedited review, an applicant shall
- 13 submit all of the items under subsection (4) not later than
- 14 September 30, 2015.
- 15 (1)  $\frac{(2)}{(2)}$  Subject to subsection  $\frac{(3)}{(2)}$ , the following projects
- 16 are eligible for expedited review:
- 17 (a) A conventional gravity sewer extension of 10,000 feet or
- 18 less of sewer line.
- 19 (b) A simple pumping station and force main.
- 20 (c) A small diameter pressure sewer and grinder pumping
- 21 station.
- 22 (2) (3)—An expedited review shall not be conducted for a
- 23 project that is being funded by the state water pollution control
- 24 revolving fund created in section 16a of the shared credit rating
- 25 act, 1985 PA 227, MCL 141.1066a.
- 26 (3) (4) A person requesting TO OBTAIN an expedited review, A
- 27 PERSON shall do all of the following BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2019:

- 1 (a) At least 10 business days prior to submitting an
- 2 application under subdivision (b), notify the department
- 3 electronically, in accordance with the instructions provided on the
- 4 department's website, of his or her intent to request expedited
- 5 review. The department may waive this 10-day notification
- 6 requirement.
- 7 (b) Submit electronically a complete application for a
- 8 construction permit including a request for expedited review and
- 9 including, via credit card, the appropriate fee under subsection
- 10  $\frac{(5)}{(4)}$ .
- 11 (c) Provide a written copy of the construction plans and
- 12 specifications for the project that has been prepared, signed, and
- 13 sealed by a licensed professional engineer to the department
- 14 postmarked not later than the date that the application is
- 15 submitted electronically.
- 16 (d) For nongovernmental entities, provide certification to the
- 17 department that all necessary contractual service agreements and
- 18 financial plans are in place.
- 19 (4)  $\frac{(5)}{}$  Except as provided in subsection  $\frac{(7)}{}$ , (6), the fee for
- 20 an expedited review is as follows:
- 21 (a) For a conventional gravity sewer extension less than 2,000
- 22 feet, \$1,000.00.
- 23 (b) For a conventional gravity sewer extension equal to or
- 24 greater than 2,000 feet but less than 4,000 feet of sewer line,
- 25 \$1,500.00, and for each incremental increase of up to 2,000 feet of
- 26 sewer line, an additional \$500.00.
- (c) For a simple pumping station and force main, \$2,000.00.

- 1 (d) For a small diameter pressure sewer and grinder pumping
- 2 station consisting of not more than 2,000 feet of sewer line and
- 3 not more than 10 grinder pumping stations, \$2,000.00.
- 4 (e) For small diameter pressure sewer and grinder pumping
- 5 station projects not covered by subdivision (d) and consisting of
- 6 not more than 5,000 feet of sewer line and not more than 25 grinder
- 7 pumping stations, \$4,000.00.
- 8 (5)  $\frac{(6)}{(6)}$  Except as provided in subsection  $\frac{(8)}{(7)}$ , if an
- 9 applicant does not comply with subsection  $\frac{(4)}{(4)}$ ,  $\frac{(3)}{(3)}$ , the department
- 10 shall not conduct an expedited review and any submitted fee shall
- 11 not be refunded. Within 10 business days after receipt of the
- 12 application, the department shall notify the applicant of the
- 13 reasons why the department's review of the application will not be
- 14 expedited. Upon receipt of this notification, a person may correct
- 15 the deficiencies and resubmit an application and request for an
- 16 expedited review with the appropriate fee specified under
- 17 subsection (7). (6). The department shall not reject a resubmitted
- 18 application and request for expedited review solely because of
- 19 deficiencies that the department failed to fully identify in the
- 20 original application.
- 21 (6)  $\frac{(7)}{}$  For a second submission of an application that
- 22 originally failed to meet the requirements specified in subsection
- (4), (3), the applicant shall instead include a fee equal to 10% of
- 24 the fee specified in subsection (5). (4). However, if the
- 25 deficiency included failure to pay the appropriate fee, the second
- 26 submission shall include the balance of the appropriate fee plus
- 27 10% of the appropriate fee. If the applicant makes additional

- 1 changes other than those items identified by the department as
- 2 being deficient, the applicant shall instead include an additional
- 3 fee equal to the fee specified in subsection (5). (4). For the
- 4 third and each subsequent submittal of an application that failed
- 5 to meet the requirements specified in subsection  $\frac{(4)}{(4)}$ , (3), the
- 6 applicant shall include an additional fee equal to the fee
- 7 specified in subsection (5).(4).
- 8 (7) (8)—If an applicant fails to sign the application, submits
- 9 construction plans and specifications that have not been prepared,
- 10 signed, and sealed by a licensed professional engineer, or submits
- 11 an insufficient fee, the department shall notify the applicant
- 12 within 5 business days of the deficiency. The application shall not
- 13 be processed until the deficient items are addressed. If the
- 14 applicant does not provide the deficient items within 5 business
- 15 days after notification by the department, the application shall be
- 16 handled as provided in subsection  $\frac{(4)}{(5)}$ .
- 17 (8) (9) The department shall review and make a decision on
- 18 complete applications submitted with a request for expedited review
- 19 within 10 business days of receipt by the department of a complete
- 20 application. However, if the department waives the notification
- 21 requirement of subsection  $\frac{4}{(a)}$ ,  $\frac{3}{(a)}$ , the department shall
- 22 review and make a decision on the application within 20 business
- 23 days of receipt of a complete application.
- 24 (9) (10)—If the department fails to meet the deadline
- 25 specified in subsection (9), (8), the department shall continue to
- 26 expedite the application review process for an application
- 27 submitted under this section. However, the fee for an expedited

- 1 review required under this section shall be refunded if the
- 2 department fails to meet the deadline established in subsection
- $3 \frac{(9)}{(8)}$
- 4 (10) (11)—The department shall transmit fees collected under
- 5 this section to the state treasurer for deposit into the fund.
- 6 (11) (12) As used in this section, "complete application"
- 7 means that a department-provided application form is completed, all
- 8 requested information has been provided, and the application can be
- 9 processed without additional information.
- 10 Sec. 11525a. (1) The owner or operator of a landfill shall pay
- 11 a surcharge as follows:
- 12 (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), 12 cents for each
- 13 cubic yard or portion of a cubic yard of solid waste or municipal
- 14 solid waste incinerator ash that is disposed of in the landfill
- 15 before October 1, <del>2015.</del>**2019.**
- 16 (b) For type III landfills that are captive facilities, the
- 17 following annual amounts:
- 18 (i) For a captive facility that receives 100,000 or more cubic
- **19** yards of waste, \$3,000.00.
- 20 (ii) For a captive facility that receives 75,000 or more but
- 21 less than 100,000 cubic yards of waste, \$2,500.00.
- 22 (iii) For a captive facility that receives 50,000 or more but
- 23 less than 75,000 cubic yards of waste, \$2,000.00.
- 24 (iv) For a captive facility that receives 25,000 or more but
- 25 less than 50,000 cubic yards of waste, \$1,000.00.
- 26 (v) For a captive facility that receives less than 25,000
- 27 cubic yards of waste, \$500.00.

- 1 (2) The owner or operator of a landfill shall pay the
- 2 surcharge under subsection (1)(a) within 30 days after the end of
- 3 each quarter of the state fiscal year. The owner or operator of a
- 4 type III landfill that is a captive facility shall pay the
- 5 surcharge under subsection (1)(b) by January 31 of each year.
- 6 (3) The owner or operator of a landfill who is required to pay
- 7 the surcharge under subsection (1) shall pass through and collect
- 8 the surcharge from any person who generated the solid waste or who
- 9 arranged for its delivery to the solid waste hauler or transfer
- 10 facility notwithstanding the provisions of any contract or
- 11 agreement to the contrary or the absence of any contract or
- 12 agreement.
- 13 (4) Surcharges collected under this section shall be forwarded
- 14 to the state treasurer for deposit in the solid waste staff account
- 15 of the solid waste management fund established in section 11550.
- 16 (5) As used in this section, "captive facility" means a
- 17 landfill that accepts for disposal only nonhazardous industrial
- 18 waste generated only by the owner of the landfill or a nonhazardous
- 19 industrial waste landfill that is specified DESCRIBED in section
- **20** 11525(3).
- Sec. 17303. (1) By 30 days after the end of each state fiscal
- 22 year, a manufacturer that sells or offers for sale to any person in
- 23 this state a new covered electronic device shall register with the
- 24 department on a form provided by the department. The registration
- 25 expires 30 days after the end of the following state fiscal year.
- 26 After October 30, 2009, a A manufacturer who has not already filed
- 27 a registration under this part shall submit a registration within

- 1 10 business days after the manufacturer begins to sell or offer for
- 2 sale new covered electronic devices in this state.
- 3 (2) A registration under subsection (1) shall include all of
- 4 the following:
- 5 (a) The manufacturer's name, address, and telephone number.
- 6 (b) Each brand name under which the manufacturer sells or
- 7 offers for sale covered electronic devices in this state.
- 8 (c) Information about the manufacturer's electronic device
- 9 takeback program, including all of the following:
- (i) Information provided to consumers on how and where to
- 11 return covered electronic devices labeled with the manufacturer's
- 12 name or brand label.
- 13 (ii) The means by which information described in subparagraph
- 14 (i) is disseminated to consumers, including the relevant website
- 15 address if the internet is used.
- 16 (iii) Beginning with the first registration submitted after the
- 17 implementation of the takeback program, a report on the
- 18 implementation of the takeback program during the prior state
- 19 fiscal year, including all of the following:
- 20 (A) The total weight of the covered electronic devices
- 21 received by the takeback program from consumers during the prior
- 22 STATE FISCAL year.
- 23 (B) The processes and methods used to recycle or reuse the
- 24 covered electronic devices received from consumers.
- 25 (C) The identity of any collector or recycler with whom the
- 26 manufacturer contracts for the collection or recycling of covered
- 27 electronic devices received from consumers. The identity of a

- 1 recycler shall include the addresses of that recycler's recycling
- 2 facilities in this state, if any. The identity of a collector or
- 3 recycler reported under this subparagraph is exempt from disclosure
- 4 under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to
- 5 15.246, and shall not be disclosed by the department unless
- 6 required by court order.
- 7 (3) A registration is effective upon receipt by the department
- 8 if the registration is administratively complete.
- 9 (4) If a manufacturer's registration does not meet the
- 10 requirements of this section and any rules promulgated under this
- 11 part, the department shall notify the manufacturer of the
- 12 deficiency. If the manufacturer fails to correct the deficiency
- 13 within 60 days after notice is sent by the department, the
- 14 department may deny or revoke the manufacturer's registration,
- 15 after providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing under
- 16 the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201
- **17** to 24.328.
- 18 (5) A registration is valid until October 30 of each year. A
- 19 manufacturer of covered electronic devices shall update its
- 20 registration within 10 business days after a change in the brands
- 21 of covered electronic devices from that manufacturer sold or
- 22 offered for sale in this state.
- 23 (6) Until October 1, 2015, 2019, a manufacturer's registration
- 24 shall be accompanied by an annual fee of \$3,000.00. However, if the
- 25 amount of money in the fund on December 31 of any year is greater
- 26 than \$600,000.00, the department shall not collect manufacturers'
- 27 registration fees for the following state fiscal year.

- 1 (7) Revenue from manufacturers' registration fees collected
- 2 under this section shall be deposited in the electronic waste
- 3 recycling fund created in section 17327.
- 4 (8) The department shall maintain on its website a list of
- 5 registered manufacturers of computers and a list of registered
- 6 manufacturers of video display devices and the website addresses at
- 7 which they provide information on recycling covered electronic
- 8 devices.
- 9 (9) Not later than October 1, 2011 and every 2 years after
- 10 that date, the department shall submit a report to the secretary of
- 11 the senate and to the clerk of the house of representatives that
- 12 assesses the adequacy of the fees under this section and any
- 13 departmental recommendation to modify those fees.
- Sec. 17317. (1) By 30 days after the end of each state fiscal
- 15 year, a person who engages in the business of recycling covered
- 16 electronic devices shall register with the department on a form
- 17 provided by the department. The registration expires 30 days after
- 18 the end of the following state fiscal year. After October 30, 2009,
- 19 a—A recycler who has not already filed a registration under this
- 20 part shall submit a registration within 10 business days after the
- 21 recycler begins to recycle covered electronic devices.
- 22 (2) A registration under subsection (1) shall include all of
- 23 the following:
- 24 (a) The name, address, telephone number, and location of all
- 25 recycling facilities under the direct control of the recycler
- 26 located in this state that may receive covered electronic devices.
- 27 (b) A certification by the recycler that the recycler

- 1 substantially meets the requirements of section 17315.
- 2 (3) Beginning October 30, 2010, a recycler of covered
- 3 electronic devices shall report the total weight of covered
- 4 electronic devices recycled during the previous STATE FISCAL year.
- 5 The recycler shall keep a written log that records the weight of
- 6 covered video display devices and the total weight of covered
- 7 computers delivered to the recycler and identified as such on
- 8 receipt. The total weight reported in the registration shall be
- 9 based on this log.
- 10 (4) A recycler's registration is effective upon receipt by the
- 11 department if the registration is administratively complete.
- 12 (5) If a recycler's registration does not meet the
- 13 requirements of this section and any rules promulgated under this
- 14 part, the department shall notify the recycler of the deficiency.
- 15 If the recycler fails to correct the deficiency within 60 days
- 16 after notice is sent by the department, the department may deny or
- 17 revoke the recycler's registration, after providing an opportunity
- 18 for a contested case hearing under the administrative procedures
- 19 act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.
- 20 (6) Until October 1, <del>2015, 2019,</del> a recycler's registration
- 21 under subsection (1) shall be accompanied by an annual fee of
- **22** \$2,000.00.
- 23 (7) Revenue from recyclers' registration fees collected under
- 24 this section shall be deposited in the electronic waste recycling
- 25 fund created in section 17327.
- 26 (8) Submitting a false registration under subsection (1) is a
- 27 violation of this part.

- 1 (9) Not later than October 1, 2011 and every 2 years after
- 2 that date, the department shall submit a report to the secretary of
- 3 the senate and to the clerk of the house of representatives that
- 4 assesses the adequacy of the fees under this section and any
- 5 departmental recommendation to modify those fees.
- 6 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect October
- 7 1, 2015.

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