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**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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Introduced by Senator Arthurhultz

# **ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 214**

AN ACT to amend section 6a of Act No. 245 of the Public Acts of 1929, entitled as amended "An act to create a water resources commission to protect and conserve the water resources of the state, to have control over the pollution of any waters of the state and the Great Lakes, to have control over the alteration of the watercourses and the flood plains of all rivers and streams, with powers to make rules governing the same, and to prescribe the powers and duties of such commission; to require the registration of manufacturing products, production materials and waste products where certain wastes are discharged; to provide for surveillance fees upon discharges to the waters of the state in order to provide for investigation, monitoring and surveillance necessary to prevent and abate water pollution; to require permits to regulate the discharge or storage of any substance which may affect the quality of the waters of the state and to establish restrictions to assure compliance with applicable state standards and to authorize the establishment of permit restrictions and programs to assure compliance with applicable federal law and regulations; to prohibit the pollution of any waters of the state and the Great Lakes; to prohibit the obstruction of the floodways of the rivers and streams of the state; to designate the commission as the state agency to cooperate and negotiate with other governments and agencies in matters concerning the water resources of the state; and to provide penalties for the violation of this act," being section 323.6a of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Section 1. Section 6a of Act No. 245 of the Public Acts of 1929, being section 323.6a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6a. (1) Every industrial or commercial entity which discharges liquid wastes into any surface or ground waters or underground or on the ground other than through a public sanitary sewer shall have waste treatment or control facilities under the specific supervision and control of persons who have been certified by the commission as properly qualified to operate the facilities. The commission shall examine all supervisory personnel having supervision and control of the facilities and certify the persons properly qualified to operate or supervise the facilities.

(2) The department of natural resources may conduct a program for training persons seeking to be certified as operators or supervisors under subsection (1) or seeking to be certified as operators or supervisors of municipal wastewater treatment facilities. The department, with the annual approval of the commission, may charge a fee based on the costs to the department of operating the training program. The fees shall be credited to a separate fund of the department and used to conduct the training program. Any unexpended fees collected pursuant to this subsection, along with any excess collections from prior fiscal years, shall be carried over into subsequent fiscal years and shall be available for appropriation for the purposes of conducting the program described in this subsection.

(3) A person certified as required by subsection (1) shall file monthly, or at such longer intervals as the commission may designate, on forms provided by the commission, reports showing the effectiveness of the treatment or control facility operation and the quantity and quality of liquid wastes so discharged. A person who knowingly makes a false statement in a report may have his or her certificate as an approved treatment facility operator revoked.

(4) This section shall not apply to water, gas, or other material which is injected into a well to facilitate production of oil or gas, or water derived in association with oil or gas production and disposed of in a well, if the well is used either to facilitate production or for disposal purposes and is under permit by the state supervisor of wells.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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Secretary of the Senate.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Approved.....

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Governor.