

HOUSE BILL No. 6069

September 25, 1990, Introduced by Rep. Bryant and referred to the Committee on Conservation, Recreation and Environment.

A bill to require the preparation of a report related to the mitigation of the greenhouse effect, the imposition of a surcharge on certain carbon dioxide emissions, and a tree planting strategy to facilitate carbon dioxide absorption.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. The commission of natural resources shall appoint
2 an advisory panel made up of representatives of industries that
3 generate carbon dioxide emissions and representatives of forestry
4 and environmental organizations. The commission of natural
5 resources shall consult with and utilize the expertise of this
6 advisory panel to assist the commission in the preparation of a
7 report which shall be submitted to the senate and the house of
8 representatives of this state by January 1, 1992. The report
9 shall do all of the following:

1 (a) Report on levels of carbon dioxide emissions in this
2 state.

3 (b) Recommend incentives to reduce carbon dioxide
4 emissions.

5 (c) Develop and recommend an appropriate surcharge to be
6 imposed upon sources of carbon dioxide emissions, including, but
7 not limited to, motor vehicle and facilities permitted under the
8 air pollution act, Act No. 348 of the Public Acts of 1965, being
9 sections 336.11 to 336.36 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

10 (d) Recommend methods of encouraging the planting of trees
11 and perennial shrubs and vines in lieu of payment of part or all
12 of a carbon dioxide surcharge.

13 (e) Include a tree and perennial shrub and vine planting
14 strategy for carbon dioxide absorption that identifies the proper
15 mix of species for adequate absorption, the proper placement of
16 trees for energy efficiency and conservation, the areas of the
17 state most effective for proper tree planting, the adequate pro-
18 duction of state nursery stock, the available procurement of pri-
19 vate nursery stock, a range of costs to plant adequate species
20 that absorb carbon dioxide, and the current and prospective dis-
21 tribution system to allow adequate species to be planted.

22 (f) Emphasize and recommend the initiation of programs that
23 promote youth and community group participation in a program to
24 reduce carbon dioxide emissions.