

HOUSE BILL No. 6070

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

A bill to create a commission to study ozone depletion and global warming; and to provide for the preparation of a report.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Commission" means the Michigan commission on ozone
3 depletion created in section 3.

4 (b) "Ozone" means a molecule containing 3 oxygen atoms.

5 Sec. 2. The legislature finds all of the following:

6 (a) That recent climatological events and scientific find-
7 ings relating to the atmosphere and protective ozone layer of the
8 earth have generated worldwide concerns.

9 (b) That the United States has joined with 44 other nations
10 in signing the Montreal protocol on substances that deplete the
11 ozone layer in an effort to halt the depletion of stratospheric
12 ozone.

1 (c) That unrestricted use of materials and processes
2 resulting in continual release of greenhouse gases may cause
3 irreparable damage to the ozone layer, drastic shifts in the cli-
4 matological zones of the earth, and a subsequent loss in the
5 amount of arable land.

6 (d) That environmental changes described in subdivision (c)
7 would have a tremendous social, economic, and political impact
8 upon this state.

9 (e) That the legislature should have the benefit of a com-
10 prehensive study analyzing the potential impact of climate change
11 and global warming in this state.

12 (f) That significant policy issues regarding this state's
13 responsibility to lower emission of greenhouse gases may need to
14 be addressed.

15 Sec. 3. (1) The Michigan commission on ozone depletion is
16 created within the legislature. The commission shall consist of
17 the following 15 members:

18 (a) Two members of the senate appointed by the senate major-
19 ity leader, 1 of whom shall be the chairperson of the senate
20 standing committee that addresses issues pertaining to the
21 environment.

22 (b) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by
23 the speaker of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be
24 the chairperson of the house of representatives standing commit-
25 tee that addresses issues pertaining to the environment.

26 (c) Eleven members appointed by the governor from the
27 scientific and academic communities, regulatory bodies, or other

1 relevant areas including, but not limited to, ecologists,
2 economists, agriculturalists, engineers, atmospheric scientists,
3 hydrologists, and representatives of utility and energy
4 interests.

5 (2) Within 30 days after the appointment of the members of
6 the commission, the commission shall meet and organize by select-
7 ing a chairperson from among its members.

8 (3) The commission may make such rules and orders for the
9 regulation of its proceedings as it considers proper and a major-
10 ity of its members shall constitute a quorum.

11 (4) The commission shall do both of the following:

12 (a) Study the real or potential effects of ozone depletion
13 and global warming on this state and assess all of the
14 following:

15 (i) This state's contribution to ozone depletion and global
16 warming by identifying and quantifying sources of greenhouse
17 gases that may be contributing to environmental warming.

18 (ii) The impact of population growth and energy demand on
19 future emissions of greenhouse gases.

20 (iii) Alternatives that would reduce this state's overall
21 contribution of greenhouse gases to the atmosphere.

22 (b) Within 1 year of the commission's first meeting, the
23 commission shall provide the legislature, the governor, and the
24 congressional delegation of this state with a report addressing
25 the findings of the commission and including recommendations for
26 state action.