



## ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITS

**House Bill 4838**

**Sponsor: Rep. Liz Brater**

**Committee: Conservation, Environment  
and Recreation**

**Complete to 9-22-97**

### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4838 AS INTRODUCED 5-27-97**

Under the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), a person who conducts an environmental audit and then makes a voluntary disclosure of a violation to the appropriate state or local agency is immune from any administrative or civil penalties and fines under the act. Immunity is also granted under this provision from criminal penalties and fines for negligent acts or omissions under the act related to a violation of Article II of the act, pertaining to pollution control, or a violation of portions of Article III, pertaining to habitat protection on inland waters, the Great Lakes, land habitats, endangered species, and fishing regulations. House Bill 4838 would amend the NREPA to specify that a violation that has to be reported to a state or federal agency would not qualify for immunity under the act.

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