SENATE BILL NO. 530

April 21, 1999, Introduced by Senators SIKKEMA and GAST and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code,"

by amending section 12562 (MCL 333.12562), as amended by 1996 PA 67.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 12562. (1) The application of necessary chemicals in
- 2 powder, crystal, or solution form to the waters of the state for
- 3 the control of aquatic nuisances, such as swimmers' itch and
- 4 aquatic plants, is lawful and not in contravention of the private
- 5 or public rights to the use and enjoyment of abutting property by
- 6 the owners or occupants of that property if the application is
- 7 made in accordance with sections 12561 to 12563 and rules promul-
- 8 gated under section 12561.
- 9 (2) The necessary control work authorized pursuant to this
- 10 section may be conducted by the state or a political subdivision

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- 1 or by an organized lake or improvement association on behalf of
- 2 its members, or by the owner of property abutting on the waters
- 3 of the state, or by an aquatic pest control applicator licensed
- 4 under part 83 (pesticide control) of the natural resources and
- 5 environmental protection act, Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of
- 6 1994, being sections 324.8301 to 324.8336 of the Michigan
- 7 Compiled Laws 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.8301 TO 324.8336, after
- 8 obtaining a permit from the department of -natural resources-
- 9 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. A permit may be obtained by application
- 10 to the department of -natural resources ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
- 11 Unless revoked, a permit issued under this section expires on
- 12 December 31 of the calendar year in which it was issued.
- 13 (3) The necessary control work authorized pursuant to this
- 14 section shall be conducted at those times, under those condi-
- 16 resources ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY requires. The department of
- 17 natural resources ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY may provide permits,
- 18 upon application, for the suppression of swimmers' itch and
- 19 aquatic plants, if applicants provide at their own expense chemi-
- 20 cals and other equipment and services called for in the rules
- 21 promulgated by the department of natural resources
- 22 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
- 23 (4) Except as provided in subsection (5), until October 1,
- 24 1999 2003, an application for a permit under this section shall
- 25 be accompanied by the following fee:
- 26 (a) For treatment of areas of 1/2 acre or more and less than
- 27 2 acres, \$50.00.

- 1 (b) For treatment of areas of 2 acres or more, \$150.00.
- 2 (5) A fee is not required under this section for owners of a
- 3 single property treating waters abutting their property where the
- 4 treatment area is less than 1/2 acre, or for water bodies in
- 5 single ownership.
- 6 (6) The department of natural resources ENVIRONMENTAL
- 7 QUALITY shall forward fees collected under this section to the
- 8 state treasurer for deposit in the land and water management
- 9 permit fee fund created in section 30113 of part 301 (inland
- 10 lakes and streams) of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994,
- 11 being section 324.30113 of the Michigan Compiled Laws THE NATU-
- 12 RAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1994 PA 451, MCL
- **13** 324.30113.