

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 332

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
by amending sections 3103, 3104, and 3112 (MCL 324.3103, 324.3104,  
and 324.3112), sections 3103 and 3112 as amended by 2004 PA 91 and  
section 3104 as amended by 2004 PA 325.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 3103. (1) The department shall protect and conserve the  
2 water resources of the state and shall have control of the  
3 pollution of surface or underground waters of the state and the  
4 Great Lakes, which are or may be affected by waste disposal of any  
5 person. The department may make or cause to be made surveys,  
6 studies, and investigations of the uses of waters of the state,  
7 both surface and underground, and cooperate with other governments  
8 and governmental units and agencies in making the surveys, studies,

1 and investigations. The department shall assist in an advisory  
2 capacity a flood control district that may be authorized by the  
3 legislature. The department, in the public interest, shall appear  
4 and present evidence, reports, and other testimony during the  
5 hearings involving the creation and organization of flood control  
6 districts. The department shall advise and consult with the  
7 legislature on the obligation of the state to participate in the  
8 costs of construction and maintenance as provided for in the  
9 official plans of a flood control district or intercounty drainage  
10 district.

11 (2) The department shall enforce this part and may promulgate  
12 rules as it considers necessary to carry out its duties under this  
13 part. However, notwithstanding any rule-promulgation authority that  
14 is provided in this part, **EXCEPT FOR RULES AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION**  
15 **3112(6)**, the department shall not promulgate any additional rules  
16 under this part after December 31, 2006.

17 (3) The department may promulgate rules and take other  
18 actions as may be necessary to comply with the federal water  
19 pollution control act, ~~chapter 758, 86 Stat. 816,~~ 33 USC 1251 to  
20 ~~1252, 1253 to 1254, 1255 to 1257, 1258 to 1270, 1281, 1282 to 1293,~~  
21 ~~1294 to 1299, 1311 to 1313, 1314 to 1330, 1341 to 1345, 1361 to~~  
22 ~~1377, and 1381 to 1387,~~ and to expend funds available under such  
23 law for extension or improvement of the state or interstate program  
24 for prevention and control of water pollution. This part shall not  
25 be construed as authorizing the department to expend or to incur  
26 any obligation to expend any state funds for such purpose in excess  
27 of any amount that is appropriated by the legislature.

1 (4) Notwithstanding the limitations on rule promulgation under  
2 subsection (2), rules promulgated under this part before January 1,  
3 2007 shall remain in effect unless rescinded.

4 Sec. 3104. (1) The department is designated the state agency  
5 to cooperate and negotiate with other governments, governmental  
6 units, and governmental agencies in matters concerning the water  
7 resources of the state, including, but not limited to, flood  
8 control, beach erosion control, ~~and~~ water quality control  
9 planning, development, and management, **AND THE CONTROL OF AQUATIC**  
10 **NUISANCE SPECIES**. The department shall have control over the  
11 alterations of natural or present watercourses of all rivers and  
12 streams in the state to assure that the channels and the portions  
13 of the floodplains that are the floodways are not inhabited and are  
14 kept free and clear of interference or obstruction that will cause  
15 any undue restriction of the capacity of the floodway. The  
16 department may take steps as may be necessary to take advantage of  
17 any act of congress that may be of assistance in carrying out the  
18 purposes of this part, including the water resources planning act,  
19 42 USC 1962 to 1962d-3, and the federal water pollution control  
20 act, 33 USC 1251 to 1387.

21 (2) **IN ORDER TO ADDRESS DISCHARGES OF AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES**  
22 **FROM OCEANGOING VESSELS THAT DAMAGE WATER QUALITY, AQUATIC HABITAT,**  
23 **OR FISH OR WILDLIFE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FACILITATE THE FORMATION**  
24 **OF A GREAT LAKES AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES COALITION. THE GREAT**  
25 **LAKES AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES COALITION SHALL BE FORMED THROUGH AN**  
26 **AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO WITH OTHER STATES IN THE GREAT LAKES BASIN**  
27 **TO IMPLEMENT ON A BASIN-WIDE BASIS WATER POLLUTION LAWS THAT**

1 PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES INTO THE GREAT  
2 LAKES FROM OCEANGOING VESSELS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SEEK TO ENTER  
3 INTO AN AGREEMENT THAT WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE NOT LATER THAN JANUARY  
4 1, 2007. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
5 NATURAL RESOURCES PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT. UPON  
6 ENTERING INTO THE AGREEMENT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE  
7 CANADIAN GREAT LAKES PROVINCES OF THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT. THE  
8 DEPARTMENT SHALL SEEK FUNDING FROM THE GREAT LAKES PROTECTION FUND  
9 AUTHORIZED UNDER PART 331 TO IMPLEMENT THE GREAT LAKES AQUATIC  
10 NUISANCE SPECIES COALITION.

11 (3) ~~—(2)—~~ The department shall report to the governor and to  
12 the legislature at least annually on any plans or projects being  
13 implemented or considered for implementation. The report shall  
14 include requests for any legislation needed to implement any  
15 proposed projects or agreements made necessary as a result of a  
16 plan or project, together with any requests for appropriations. The  
17 department may make recommendations to the governor on the  
18 designation of areawide water quality planning regions and  
19 organizations relative to the governor's responsibilities under the  
20 federal water pollution control act, 33 USC 1251 to 1387.

21 (4) ~~—(3)—~~ A person shall not alter a floodplain except as  
22 authorized by a floodplain permit issued by the department pursuant  
23 to part 13. An application for a permit shall include information  
24 that may be required by the department to assess the proposed  
25 alteration's impact on the floodplain. If an alteration includes  
26 activities at multiple locations in a floodplain, 1 application may  
27 be filed for combined activities.

1           (5) ~~(4)~~ Except as provided in subsections ~~(5)~~, (6), (7),  
2 and ~~(8)~~ (9), until October 1, 2008, an application for a  
3 floodplain permit shall be accompanied by a fee of \$500.00. Until  
4 October 1, 2008, if the department determines that engineering  
5 computations are required to assess the impact of a proposed  
6 floodplain alteration on flood stage or discharge characteristics,  
7 the department shall assess the applicant an additional \$1,500.00  
8 to cover the department's cost of review.

9           (6) ~~(5)~~ Until October 1, 2008, an application for a  
10 floodplain permit for a minor project category shall be accompanied  
11 by a fee of \$100.00. Minor project categories shall be established  
12 by rule and shall include activities and projects that are similar  
13 in nature and have minimal potential for causing harmful  
14 interference.

15           (7) ~~(6)~~ If work has been done in violation of a permit  
16 requirement under this part and restoration is not ordered by the  
17 department, the department may accept an application for a permit  
18 for that work if the application is accompanied by a fee equal to 2  
19 times the permit fee required under subsection ~~(4)~~ (5) or ~~(5)~~  
20 (6).

21           (8) ~~(7)~~ The department shall forward fees collected under  
22 this section to the state treasurer for deposit in the land and  
23 water management permit fee fund created in section 30113.

24           (9) ~~(8)~~ A project that requires review and approval under  
25 this part and 1 or more of the following is subject to only the  
26 single highest permit fee required under this part or the  
27 following:

1 (a) Part 301.

2 (b) Part 303.

3 (c) Part 323.

4 (d) Part 325.

5 (e) Section 117 of the land division act, 1967 PA 288, MCL  
6 560.117.

7 Sec. 3112. (1) A person shall not discharge any waste or waste  
8 effluent into the waters of this state unless the person is in  
9 possession of a valid permit from the department.

10 (2) An application for a permit under subsection (1) shall be  
11 submitted to the department. Within 30 days after an application  
12 for a new or increased use is received, the department shall  
13 determine whether the application is administratively complete.  
14 Within 90 days after an application for reissuance of a permit is  
15 received, the department shall determine whether the application is  
16 administratively complete. If the department determines that an  
17 application is not complete, the department shall notify the  
18 applicant in writing within the applicable time period. If the  
19 department does not make a determination as to whether the  
20 application is complete within the applicable time period, the  
21 application shall be considered to be complete.

22 (3) The department shall condition the continued validity of a  
23 permit upon the permittee's meeting the effluent requirements that  
24 the department considers necessary to prevent unlawful pollution by  
25 the dates that the department considers to be reasonable and  
26 necessary and to assure compliance with applicable federal law and  
27 regulations. If the department finds that the terms of a permit

1 have been, are being, or may be violated, it may modify, suspend,  
2 or revoke the permit or grant the permittee a reasonable period of  
3 time in which to comply with the permit. The department may reissue  
4 a revoked permit upon a showing satisfactory to the department that  
5 the permittee has corrected the violation. A person who has had a  
6 permit revoked may apply for a new permit.

7 (4) If the department determines that a person is causing or  
8 is about to cause unlawful pollution of the waters of this state,  
9 the department may notify the alleged offender of its determination  
10 and enter an order requiring the person to abate the pollution or  
11 refer the matter to the attorney general for legal action, or both.

12 (5) A person who is aggrieved by an order of abatement of the  
13 department or by the reissuance, modification, suspension, or  
14 revocation of an existing permit of the department executed  
15 pursuant to this section may file a sworn petition with the  
16 department setting forth the grounds and reasons for the complaint  
17 and asking for a contested case hearing on the matter pursuant to  
18 the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201  
19 to 24.328. A petition filed more than 60 days after action on the  
20 order or permit may be rejected by the department as being  
21 untimely.

22 (6) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2007, ALL OCEANGOING VESSELS ENGAGING  
23 IN PORT OPERATIONS IN THIS STATE SHALL OBTAIN A PERMIT FROM THE  
24 DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A PERMIT FOR AN OCEANGOING  
25 VESSEL ONLY IF THE APPLICANT CAN DEMONSTRATE THAT THE OCEANGOING  
26 VESSEL WILL NOT DISCHARGE AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES OR IF THE  
27 OCEANGOING VESSEL DISCHARGES BALLAST WATER OR OTHER WASTE OR WASTE

1 EFFLUENT, THAT THE OPERATOR OF THE VESSEL WILL UTILIZE  
2 ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND TECHNOLOGY AND METHODS, AS DETERMINED BY THE  
3 DEPARTMENT, THAT CAN BE USED TO PREVENT THE DISCHARGE OF AQUATIC  
4 NUISANCE SPECIES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COOPERATE TO THE FULLEST  
5 EXTENT PRACTICAL WITH OTHER GREAT LAKES BASIN STATES, THE CANADIAN  
6 GREAT LAKES PROVINCES, THE GREAT LAKES PANEL ON AQUATIC NUISANCE  
7 SPECIES, THE GREAT LAKES FISHERY COMMISSION, THE INTERNATIONAL  
8 JOINT COMMISSION, AND THE GREAT LAKES COMMISSION TO ENSURE  
9 DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS FOR THE CONTROL OF AQUATIC NUISANCE  
10 SPECIES THAT ARE BROADLY PROTECTIVE OF THE WATERS OF THE STATE AND  
11 OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES. PERMIT FEES FOR PERMITS UNDER THIS  
12 SUBSECTION SHALL BE ASSESSED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 3120. THE  
13 PERMIT FEES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION  
14 SHALL BE THE FEES SPECIFIED IN SECTION 3120(1)(A) AND (5)(A). THE  
15 PERMIT FEES FOR A GENERAL PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL  
16 BE THE FEES SPECIFIED IN SECTION 3120(1)(C) AND (5)(B)(i). PERMITS  
17 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
18 TIMELINES PROVIDED IN SECTION 3120. THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROMULGATE  
19 RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBSECTION.

20 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
21 unless House Bill No. 4603 of the 93rd Legislature is enacted into  
22 law.