

HOUSE BILL No. 6539

September 20, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Kolb, Tobocman, Polidori, Alma Smith, Lipsey and Plakas and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Great Lakes, Land Use, and Environment.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 2508.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 SEC. 2508. THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SHALL
2 DEVELOP AND CONDUCT A PROGRAM TO EDUCATE CONSUMERS AND BUSINESSES
3 IN THIS STATE ON THE EFFECTS OF THE USE OF PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS.
4 THE PROGRAM SHALL, AT A MINIMUM, CONTAIN ALL OF THE FOLLOWING
5 ELEMENTS:
- 6 (A) THE EXTENT TO WHICH PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS ARE USED.
7 (B) THE EXTENT TO WHICH USED PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS ARE REUSED.
8 (C) INFORMATION ON HOW PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS CONTRIBUTE TO
9 LITTER AND THE COST OF TRASH COLLECTION.

1 (D) THE EFFECT OF PLASTIC SHOPPING BAG USE ON WILDLIFE.

2 (E) INFORMATION ON COST-EFFECTIVE, ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS

3 ALTERNATIVES TO PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS.