

HOUSE BILL No. 6612

November 6, 2008, Introduced by Rep. Bennett and referred to the Committee on Great Lakes and Environment.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending section 2505 (MCL 324.2505), as added by 1995 PA 60;
and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2505. (1) The environmental education fund is created
2 within the state treasury.

3 (2) The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the
4 fund. The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from
5 any source for deposit into the fund. Interest and earnings from
6 fund investments shall be credited to the fund.

1 (3) Twenty-five percent of the civil fines collected annually
2 under the following parts or their predecessor acts, but not more
3 than ~~\$150,000.00~~ **\$250,000.00** in any fiscal year, shall be
4 appropriated to the fund:

5 (a) Part 31.

6 (b) Part 111.

7 (c) Part 115.

8 (4) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall
9 remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

10 **(5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FUND FOR**
11 **AUDITING PURPOSES.**

12 (6) ~~(5)~~ Money in the fund shall be used to implement this part
13 and may be used for the establishment and operation of a
14 clearinghouse of environmental education materials, which would
15 make environmental education materials available to educators
16 throughout the state.

17 Enacting section 1. Section 2504 of the natural resources and
18 environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.2504, is
19 repealed.