

SENATE BILL No. 502

May 15, 2007, Introduced by Senators BIRKHOLZ, GILBERT, VAN WOERKOM, JELINEK, BARCIA, KUIPERS, PATTERSON, CROSEY and STAMAS and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding part 86.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

PART 86. AGRICULTURE

SEC. 8601. AS USED IN THIS PART:

(A) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY.

(B) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT.

(C) "FARM" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2 OF THE
MICHIGAN RIGHT TO FARM ACT, 1981 PA 93, MC 286.472.

(D) "FARM OPERATION" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2
OF THE MICHIGAN RIGHT TO FARM ACT, 1981 PA 93, MC 286.472.

SEC. 8603. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ACT UPON A COMPLAINT

1 AGAINST A FARM OR FARM OPERATION UNDER THIS ACT UNLESS THE
2 COMPLAINANT PROVIDES THE DEPARTMENT WITH HIS OR HER NAME AND
3 ADDRESS.

4 SEC. 8605. IF A COMPLAINANT BRINGS MORE THAN 3 UNVERIFIED
5 COMPLAINTS UNDER THIS ACT AGAINST THE SAME FARM OR FARM OPERATION
6 WITHIN 3 YEARS, THE DIRECTOR MAY ORDER THE COMPLAINANT TO PAY TO
7 THE DEPARTMENT THE FULL COSTS OF INVESTIGATION OF THE FOURTH OR ANY
8 SUBSEQUENT UNVERIFIED COMPLAINT AGAINST THE SAME FARM OR FARM
9 OPERATION.

10 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 180 days
11 after the date it is enacted.