

HOUSE BILL No. 5386

March 4, 2014, Introduced by Reps. McMillin, LaVoy, Irwin, Driskell, Switalski and Brown
and referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending section 61506c (MCL 324.61506c), as added by 1998 PA
392, and by adding section 61506d.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 61506c. The department shall maintain a toll-free
2 telephone number that a person or a representative of a local unit
3 of government may call in order to receive information on
4 department standards, safety requirements and educational
5 information related to oil and gas **LEASING**, exploration, drilling,
6 permitting, hydrogen sulfide management, pooling, and other topics
7 related to the extraction of oil and gas. **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALSO**
8 **PROVIDE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE GENERAL INFORMATION RELATED TO**

1 OIL AND GAS LEASING, EXPLORATION, DRILLING, PERMITTING, HYDROGEN
2 SULFIDE MANAGEMENT, POOLING, AND OTHER TOPICS RELATED TO THE
3 EXTRACTION OF OIL AND GAS.

4 SEC. 61506D. (1) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SOLICITS A LANDOWNER TO
5 LEASE THE LANDOWNER'S OIL OR GAS RIGHTS SHALL PROVIDE TO THE
6 LANDOWNER THE DEPARTMENT'S TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER, AS PROVIDED
7 FOR IN SECTION 61506C, WHERE THE LANDOWNER MAY OBTAIN INFORMATION
8 RELATED TO OIL AND GAS LEASING, EXPLORATION, DRILLING, PERMITTING,
9 HYDROGEN SULFIDE MANAGEMENT, POOLING, AND OTHER TOPICS RELATED TO
10 THE EXTRACTION OF OIL AND GAS. THE INDIVIDUAL SOLICITING THE
11 LANDOWNER SHALL OBTAIN A SIGNATURE FROM THE LANDOWNER ACKNOWLEDGING
12 THAT THE TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER HAS BEEN PROVIDED.

13 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS PART, AN
14 APPLICATION UNDER THIS PART TO DRILL A WELL TO EXTRACT OIL OR GAS
15 FROM ANY PROPERTY IN WHICH THE APPLICANT DOES NOT OWN THE OIL OR
16 GAS RIGHTS SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
17 RECEIPT OF THE TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION
18 (1) FROM THE OWNERS OF ALL LEASED OIL AND GAS RIGHTS.

19 (3) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (1) IS RESPONSIBLE
20 FOR A STATE CIVIL INFRACTION AND MAY BE ORDERED TO PAY A CIVIL FINE
21 OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00.