

# HOUSE BILL No. 4391

March 21, 2017, Introduced by Reps. Hammoud, Chang, Love, Yanez, Neeley, Wittenberg, Moss, Sneller, Phelps, Geiss, Hoadley, Gay-Dagnogo, Rabhi, Ellison and LaGrand and referred to the Committee on Local Government.

A bill to require all state departments and agencies to establish certain water affordability criteria; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 "accessible and affordable water act".

3       Sec. 2. (1) Each individual has the right to safe, clean,  
4 affordable, and accessible water for human consumption, cooking,  
5 and sanitary purposes.

6       (2) All state departments and agencies shall employ all  
7 reasonable means to implement this section. All state departments  
8 and agencies shall revise, adopt, or establish policies,  
9 regulations, and grant criteria to further this section by  
10 establishing water affordability criteria as appropriate, to the

1 extent that those actions do not affect eligibility for federal  
2 funds.

3 (3) This section does not expand any obligation of this state  
4 to provide water or to require the expenditure of additional  
5 resources to develop water infrastructure beyond the obligations  
6 that may exist under subsection (2).

7 (4) This section applies to water supplies for individuals and  
8 not for new development in this state.

9 (5) The implementation of this section does not infringe on  
10 the rights or responsibilities of any public water system in this  
11 state.