

HOUSE BILL No. 4541

April 27, 2017, Introduced by Rep. Whiteford and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 399, entitled
"Safe drinking water act,"
by amending section 9 (MCL 325.1009), as amended by 2011 PA 147.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 9. (1) The department shall classify public water
2 supplies, including water treatment and distribution systems at
3 community supplies, with regard to size, type, location, and other
4 physical conditions for the purpose of establishing the skill,
5 knowledge, and experience that individuals need to maintain and
6 operate the systems effectively.

7 (2) The director shall appoint an advisory board of examiners
8 which shall assist the department in the examination of individuals
9 as to their competency to operate water treatment systems and water
10 distribution systems. The advisory board shall make recommendations

1 to the department relative to the certification of those
2 individuals.

3 (3) The membership of the advisory board shall consist of 2
4 certified water treatment operators, 2 certified water distribution
5 operators, 1 superintendent or manager of a supplier of water, 1
6 representative of the administrative branch of a local governmental
7 agency, 2 members of the public at large, and 1 professor of
8 sanitary or environmental engineering at a university in ~~the~~**THIS**
9 state. A representative of the department shall be the nonvoting
10 secretary for the board.

11 (4) For individuals meeting the requirements, the department
12 shall issue certificates acknowledging their competency to operate
13 a specified class of waterworks system or portion of waterworks
14 system. The department may suspend or revoke a certificate as
15 specified by rule.

16 (5) A public water supply shall be under the supervision of a
17 properly certified operator as specified in the rules.

18 (6) Operators certified under this act shall renew their
19 certificates in accordance with rules promulgated under this act,
20 including mandatory continuing education or competency
21 demonstration.

22 (7) In accordance with section 3110 of the natural resources
23 and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.3110, the
24 department may conduct a program for training persons seeking to be
25 certified as operators under this section and shall administer
26 operator certification programs for persons seeking to be certified
27 as operators under this section. Until October 1, ~~2017,~~**2021**, the

1 department may charge fees for these programs in accordance with
2 section 3110 of the natural resources and environmental protection
3 act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.3110. The department shall transmit fees
4 collected under this section to the state treasurer for deposit
5 into the operator training and certification fund created in
6 section 3134 of the natural resources and environmental protection
7 act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.3134.