HOUSE BILL NO. 5125

October 17, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Paquette, Miller, Griffin, Yaroch, Gay-Dagnogo, Brann, LaGrand, Hoadley, Haadsma, Calley and Markkanen and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code,"

by amending section 2221 (MCL 333.2221).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 2221. (1) Pursuant to section 51 of article 4—IV of the
- 2 state constitution of 1963, the department shall continually and
- 3 diligently endeavor to prevent disease, prolong life, and promote
- 4 the public health through organized programs, including the





- 1 prevention and control of environmental health hazards; prevention
- 2 and control of diseases; prevention and control of health problems
- 3 of particularly vulnerable population groups; development of health
- 4 care facilities and agencies and health services delivery systems;
- 5 and regulation of health care facilities and agencies and health
- 6 services delivery systems to the extent provided by law.
- 7 (2) The department shall:
- $oldsymbol{8}$ (a) Have general supervision of the interests of the health
- 9 and life of the people of this state.
- 10 (b) Implement and enforce laws for which responsibility is
- 11 vested in the department.
- 12 (c) Collect and utilize vital and health statistics and
- 13 provide for epidemiological and other research studies for the
- 14 purpose of protecting the public health.
- 15 (d) Make investigations and inquiries as to all of the
- 16 following:
- 17 (i) The causes of disease and especially of epidemics.
- 18 (ii) The causes of morbidity and mortality.
- 19 (iii) The causes, prevention, and control of environmental
- 20 health hazards, nuisances, and sources of illness.
- 21 (e) Plan, implement, and evaluate health education by the
- 22 provision of providing expert technical assistance and financial
- 23 support.
- 24 (f) Take appropriate affirmative action to promote equal
- 25 employment opportunity within the department and local health
- 26 departments and to promote equal access to governmental financed
- 27 health services to all individuals in the this state who are in
- 28 need of service.
- 29 (g) Have powers necessary or appropriate to perform the duties



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- and exercise the powers given by law to the department and which
 that are not otherwise prohibited by law.
 - (h) Plan, implement, and evaluate nutrition services by the provision of providing expert technical assistance and financial support.
 - (3) If the department, after making an investigation and inquiry under subsection (2), determines that the aerial spraying of a pesticide is necessary to prevent and control a disease or environmental health hazard, the department shall notify the public and the local health department of each area affected by the aerial spraying and provide information on a procedure to opt out if a procedure is available. The notice required under this subsection must be provided at least 5 business days before the aerial spraying is scheduled to occur.