SENATE BILL NO. 109

February 04, 2021, Introduced by Senators CHANG, IRWIN, WOJNO, POLEHANKI, BAYER, ANANICH, ALEXANDER and BRINKS and referred to the Committee on Environmental Quality.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 5506b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 5506b. (1) An application for a new or renewal permit under this part for a source located or proposed to be located in a likely disparate impact area shall include a report on cumulative pollution levels and effects. The report shall be paid for by the applicant. The geographic area covered by the report shall be

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- 1 identified through air dispersion modeling of criteria pollutants
- 2 and toxic air contaminants. The report and the air dispersion
- 3 modeling protocols and results are subject to department review and
- 4 approval.
- 5 (2) The department shall hold at least 1 public meeting on an
- 6 application for a permit described in subsection (1) and at least 1
- 7 public meeting on a proposed draft permit. The applicant shall
- 8 participate in the meetings.
- 9 (3) In addition to other requirements of this part, the
- 10 department shall not issue a permit described in subsection (1)
- 11 unless the department has considered cumulative pollution levels
- 12 and effects. The department may deny or place conditions on the
- 13 permit based on cumulative pollution levels and effects.
- 14 (4) As used in this section:
- 15 (a) "Cumulative pollution levels and effects" means both of
- 16 the following:
- 17 (i) Cumulative levels of past and current environmental
- 18 pollution from all origins and in all media in the geographic area
- 19 within which the source's air emissions are likely to be deposited.
- 20 (ii) The effects of that cumulative environmental pollution on
- 21 the environment and residents of that area.
- 22 (b) "Likely disparate impact area" means a zip code area where
- 23 emissions occur under 35 or more permits under this part.