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[No. 139]

(SB 729)

AN ACT to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge of certain substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, and assessments; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 11104, 11126, 11130, 11133, 11138, 11144, 11146, 11147, and 11148 (MCL 324.11104, 324.11126, 324.11130, 324.11133, 324.11138, 324.11144, 324.11146, 324.11147, and 324.11148) and by adding sections 11126a and 11132a; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

324.11104 Definitions; O to V. [M.S.A. 13A.11104]

Sec. 11104. (1) "Operator" means the person responsible for the overall operation of a disposal, treatment, or storage facility with approval of the department either by contract or license.

(2) "Solid waste" means that term as it is defined in part 115.

(3) "Storage" means the holding of hazardous waste for a temporary period, at the end of which the hazardous waste is treated, disposed of, or stored elsewhere.

(4) "Storage facility" means a facility or part of a facility where managed hazardous waste, as defined by rule, is subject to storage. A generator who accumulates managed hazardous waste, as defined by rule, on site in containers or tanks for less than 91 days or a period of time prescribed by rule is not a storage facility.

(5) "Surface impoundment" or "impoundment" means a treatment, storage, or disposal facility or part of a treatment, storage, or disposal facility that is a natural topographic depression, human-made excavation, or diked area formed primarily of earthen materials, although it may be lined with human-made materials, that is designed to hold an accumulation of liquid wastes or wastes containing free liquids, and that is not an injection well. Surface impoundments include, but are not limited to, holding, storage, settling, and aeration pits, ponds, and lagoons.

(6) "The solid waste disposal act" means title II of Public Law 89-272, 42 U.S.C. 6901, 6902 to 6907, 6911, 6912 to 6914a, 6915 to 6916, 6921 to 6939e, 6941, 6942 to 6949a, 6951 to 6956, 6961 to 6964, 6971 to 6979b, 6981 to 6987, 6991 to 6991i, and 6992 to 6992k.

(7) "Transporter" means a person engaged in the off-site transportation of hazardous waste by air, rail, highway, or water.

(8) "Treatment" means any method, technique, or process, including neutralization, designed to change the physical, chemical, or biological character or composition of any hazardous waste, to neutralize the waste, to recover energy or material resources from the waste, or to render the waste nonhazardous or less hazardous, safer to transport, store, or dispose of, amenable to recovery, amenable to storage, or reduced in volume. Treatment includes any activity or processing designed to change the physical form or chemical composition of hazardous waste so as to render it nonhazardous.

(9) "Treatment facility" means a facility or part of a facility where managed hazardous waste, as defined by rule, is subject to treatment.

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(10) "Updated plan" means the updated state hazardous waste management plan prepared under section 11110.

(11) "Vehicle" means a transport vehicle as defined in 49 C.F.R. 171.8.

324.11126 Coordinating and integrating provisions of act; extent.
[M.S.A. 13A.11126]

Sec. 11126. The department shall coordinate and integrate the provisions of this part for purposes of administration and enforcement with appropriate state and federal law including the clean air act, chapter 360, 69 Stat. 322, 42 U.S.C. 7401 to 7431, 7470 to 7479, 7491 to 7492, 7501 to 7509a, 7511 to 7515, 7521 to 7525, 7541 to 7545, 7547 to 7550, 7552 to 7554, 7571 to 7574, 7581 to 7590, 7601 to 7612, 7614 to 7617, 7619 to 7622, 7624 to 7627, 7641 to 7642, 7651 to 7651o, 7661 to 7661f, and 7671 to 7671q; the federal water pollution control act, chapter 758, 86 Stat. 816, 33 U.S.C. 1251 to 1252, 1253 to 1254, 1255 to 1257, 1258 to 1263, 1265 to 1270, 1281, 1282 to 1293, 1294 to 1299, 1311 to 1313, 1314 to 1326, 1328 to 1330, 1341 to 1345, 1361 to 1377, and 1381 to 1387; title XIV of the public health service act, chapter 373, 88 Stat. 1660; the toxic substances control act, Public Law 94-469, 15 U.S.C. 2601 to 2629, 2641 to 2656, 2661 to 2671, and 2681 to 2692; the resource conservation and recovery act of 1976, 42 U.S.C. 6901 to 6987; parts 31, 55, 115, and 121; the safe drinking water act, 1976 PA 399, MCL 325.1001 to 325.1023; the fire prevention code, 1941 PA 207, MCL 29.1 to 29.34; and the hazardous materials transportation act. The coordination and integration shall be effected only to the extent that it can be done in a manner consistent with the goals and policies of this part.

324.11126a Fee schedule; report. [M.S.A. 13A.11126a]

Sec. 11126a. By September 1, 1998, the department shall submit a report to the legislature that recommends a fee schedule to implement this part.

324.11130 Hazardous waste transporter account; creation; receipt and disposition of money. [M.S.A. 13A.11130]

Sec. 11130. (1) The hazardous waste transporter account is created within the environmental pollution prevention fund which is hereby created in the state treasury.

(2) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the account. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the account. The state treasurer shall credit to the account interest and earnings from account investments.

(3) Money remaining in the account at the close of the fiscal year shall not lapse to the general fund.

(4) The department shall expend money from the account, upon appropriation, for the implementation of this part. In addition, funds not expended for the implementation of this part may be utilized for emergency response and cleanup activities related to hazardous waste that are initiated by the department.

324.11132a Transporter; duties; inspection; establishment of standards and requirements by rule. [M.S.A. 13A.11132a]

Sec. 11132a. (1) A transporter shall do all of the following:

(a) Obtain and utilize an environmental protection agency identification number in accordance with the rules promulgated under this part.

(b) If transporting by highway, register and be permitted in accordance with the hazardous materials transportation act and carry a copy of the registration and permit on the vehicle for inspection by the department, the department of state police, a peace officer, or a representative of the United States environmental protection agency.

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(c) Comply with the transfer facility operating and financial responsibility requirements as required by the rules promulgated under this part.

(d) Comply with the consolidation and commingling requirements as required by the rules promulgated under this part.

(e) Comply with the vehicle requirements as required by the rules promulgated under this part.

(f) Utilize, complete, and retain a manifest for each shipment of hazardous waste as required by this part and the rules promulgated under this part.

(g) Keep all records readily available for review and inspection by the department, the department of state police, a peace officer, or a representative of the United States environmental protection agency.

(h) Retain all records as required by the rules promulgated under this part for a period of 3 years. The retention period required by this subdivision is automatically extended during the course of any unresolved enforcement action regarding the regulated activity or as required by the department.

(i) Comply with the reporting requirements as required by the rules promulgated under this part.

(j) Comply with the import and export requirements as required by the rules promulgated under this part.

(k) Comply with the requirements regarding hazardous waste discharges as required by the rules promulgated under this part.

(l) Comply with the land disposal restriction requirements as required by the rules promulgated under this part.

(m) Comply with the universal waste requirements as required by the rules promulgated under this part.

(n) Keep the outside of all vehicles and accessory equipment free of hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents.

(2) The department may conduct an inspection to verify that the equipment, location, and methods of a transporter are adequate to effectuate service under this part and the rules promulgated under this part. The department shall establish, by rule, the inspection standards and requirements.

324.11133 Hazardous waste transporter business license; revocation.
[M.S.A. 13A.11133]

Sec. 11133. A hazardous waste transporter business license issued under this part shall be revoked if the holder of the license selected a treatment, storage, or disposal facility which is operated contrary to this part or the rules promulgated under this part or uses a vehicle to store, treat, transport, or dispose of hazardous waste contrary to this part or the rules promulgated under this part.

324.11138 Generator of hazardous waste; duties; records; report.
[M.S.A. 13A.11138]

Sec. 11138. (1) A generator of hazardous waste shall do all of the following:

(a) Compile and maintain information and records regarding the quantities of hazardous waste generated, characteristics and composition of the hazardous waste, and the disposition of hazardous waste generated.

(b) Utilize proper labeling and containerization of hazardous waste as required by the department.

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(c) Provide for the transport of hazardous waste only by a transporter permitted under the hazardous materials transportation act.

(d) Utilize and retain a manifest for each shipment of hazardous waste transported to property that is not on site as required by section 11135 and assure that the treatment, storage, or disposal facility to which the waste is transported is a designated facility.

(e) Provide the information on the manifest as required under section 11135(1) to each person transporting, treating, storing, or disposing of hazardous waste.

(f) Keep all records readily available for review and inspection by the department, the department of state police, a peace officer, or a representative of the United States environmental protection agency.

(g) Retain all records for a period of 3 years. The retention period required by this subdivision is automatically extended during the course of any unresolved enforcement action regarding the regulated activity or as required by the department.

(h) Compile and submit a periodic report of hazardous waste generated, stored, transferred, treated, disposed of, or transported for treatment, storage, or disposal as required by the department.

(2) A generator who also operates a treatment, storage, or disposal facility shall keep records of all hazardous waste produced and treated, stored, or disposed. The generator shall submit a report to the department within a period of 10 days after the end of each month for all waste produced and treated, stored, or disposed.

324.11144 Inspection; filing report for licensed facility; complaint or allegation; record; inspection; investigation; report; notice of violation or emergency situation. [M.S.A. 13A.11144]

Sec. 11144. (1) The department shall inspect and file a written report not less than 4 times per year for each licensed treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

(2) A person may register with the department a complaint or allegation of improper action or violation of this part, a rule, or a condition of the license to operate a treatment, storage, or disposal facility.

(3) Upon receipt of a complaint or allegation from a municipality, the department shall make a record of the complaint and shall order an inspection of the treatment, storage, or disposal facility, or other location of alleged violation to investigate the complaint or allegation within not more than 5 business days after receipt of the complaint or allegation. If a complaint or allegation is of a highly serious nature, as determined by the department, the facility or the location of the alleged violation shall be inspected as quickly as possible.

(4) Following an investigation of a complaint or allegation under subsection (3), the department shall make a written report to the municipality within 15 days.

(5) A person who has knowledge that hazardous waste is being treated, disposed of, or stored in violation of this part shall notify the department. A person who has knowledge that an emergency situation exists shall notify the department and the department of community health.

324.11146 Request for information and records; purpose; court authorization; inspection; samples; probable cause as to violation; search and seizure; forfeiture. [M.S.A. 13A.11146]

Sec. 11146. (1) Any person who generates, stores, treats, transports, disposes of, or otherwise handles or has handled hazardous waste shall furnish information relating to

the hazardous wastes or permit access to and copying of all records relating to the hazardous wastes, or both, if the information and records are required to be kept under this part or the rules promulgated under this part, upon a request of the department, made for the purpose of developing a rule or enforcing or administering this part or a rule promulgated under this part. This subsection does not limit the department's authority to pursue appropriate court authorization in order to obtain information pertaining to enforcement actions under this part.

(2) The department may enter at reasonable times any treatment, storage, or disposal facility or other place where hazardous wastes are or have been generated, stored, treated, disposed of, or transported from and may inspect the facility or other place and obtain from any person samples of the hazardous wastes and samples of the containers or labeling of the wastes for the purpose of developing a rule or enforcing or administering this part or a rule promulgated under this part.

(3) If the department or a law enforcement official has probable cause to believe that a person is violating this part or a rule promulgated under this part, the department or law enforcement official may search without a warrant a vehicle or equipment that is possessed, used, or operated by that person. The department or a law enforcement official may seize a vehicle, equipment, or other property used or operated in a manner or for a purpose contrary to this part or a rule promulgated under this part. A vehicle, equipment, or other property used in violation of this part or a rule promulgated under this part is subject to seizure and forfeiture as provided in chapter 47 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.4701 to 600.4709.

324.11147 Violation as misdemeanor; penalty; appearance ticket.
[M.S.A. 13A.11147]

Sec. 11147. A person who violates section 11132a(1)(b) or (n) or who violates rules promulgated under section 11132a(1)(b) or (n) is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both, for each violation. A law enforcement officer or a conservation officer may issue an appearance ticket to a person who is in violation of section 11132a(1)(b) or (n) or the rules promulgated under section 11132a(1)(b) or (n).

324.11148 Imminent and substantial hazard to health; endangering or causing damage to public health or environment; actions by director; determination. [M.S.A. 13A.11148]

Sec. 11148. (1) Subject to subsection (2), upon receipt of information that the storage, transportation, treatment, or disposal of hazardous waste may present an imminent and substantial hazard to the health of persons or to the natural resources, or is endangering or causing damage to public health or the environment, the department, after consultation with the director of public health or a designated representative of the director of public health, shall take 1 or more of the following actions:

(a) Issue an order directing the owner or operator of the treatment, storage, or disposal facility, the generator, the transporter, or the custodian of the hazardous waste that constitutes the hazard, to take the steps necessary to prevent the act or eliminate the practice that constitutes the hazard. The order may include permanent or temporary cessation of the operation of a treatment, storage, or disposal facility, generator, or transporter. An order issued under this subdivision may be issued without prior notice or hearing and shall be complied with immediately. An order issued under this subdivision shall not remain in effect more than 7 days without affording the owner or operator or custodian an opportunity for a hearing. In issuing an order calling for corrective action,

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the department shall specify the precise nature of the corrective action necessary and the specific time limits for performing the corrective action. If corrective action is not completed within the time limit specified and pursuant to the department's requirements, the department shall issue a cease and desist order against the owner or operator of the treatment, storage, or disposal facility, generator, or transporter and initiate action to revoke the operating license and take appropriate action.

(b) Request that the attorney general commence an action to enjoin the act or practice and obtain injunctive relief upon a showing by the department that a person has engaged in the prohibited act or practice.

(c) Revoke a permit, license, or construction permit after reasonable notice and hearing pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, if the department finds that a treatment, storage, or disposal facility is not, or has not been, constructed or operated pursuant to the approved plans or this part and the rules promulgated under this part, or the conditions of a license or construction permit.

(2) A determination of an instance of imminent and substantial hazard to the health of persons shall be made by the director of community health.

Repeal of §324.11132.

Enacting section 1. Section 11132 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.11132, is repealed.

Effective date.

Enacting section 2. This amendatory act takes effect September 1, 1998.

Conditional effective date.

Enacting section 3. This amendatory act does not take effect unless all of the following bills of the 89th Legislature are enacted into law:

(a) Senate Bill No. 554.

(b) Senate Bill No. 731.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 24, 1998.

Filed with Secretary of State June 25, 1998.

Compiler's note: Senate Bill No. 554, referred to in enacting section 1, was filed with Secretary of State June 25, 1998, and became P.A. 1998, No. 138, Eff. September 1, 1998.

Senate Bill No. 731, also referred to in enacting section 1, was filed with the Secretary of State June 25, 1998, and became P.A. 1998, No. 141, Eff. September 1, 1998.
