HOUSE BILL No. 4692

May 15, 2003, Introduced by Rep. Ruth Johnson and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Environment.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 11546 (MCL 324.11546).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 11546. (1) The department or a health officer may
- 2 request that the attorney general bring an action in the name of
- 3 the people of the state, or a municipality or county may bring an
- 4 action based on facts arising within its boundaries, for any
- 5 appropriate relief, including injunctive relief, for a violation
- of this part or rules promulgated under this part.
- 7 (2) In addition to any other relief provided by this section,
- 8 the court may impose on any person who violates any provision of
- 9 this part or rules promulgated under this part or who fails to
- 10 comply with any permit, license, or final order issued pursuant
- 11 to this part a civil fine as follows:

01157'03 JCB

- 1 (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a civil fine of
- 2 not more than \$10,000.00 for each day of violation.
- 3 (b) For a second or subsequent violation, a civil fine of not
- 4 more than \$25,000.00 for each day of violation.
- 5 (3) In addition to any other relief provided by this section,
- 6 the court may order a person violating this part or the rules
- 7 promulgated under this part either to restore or to pay to the
- 8 state an amount equal to the cost of restoring the natural
- 9 resources of this state affected by the violation to their
- 10 original condition before the violation, and to pay to the state
- 11 the costs of surveillance and enforcement incurred by the state
- 12 as a result of the violation.
- 13 (4) This part does not preclude any person from commencing a
- 14 civil action based on facts that may also constitute a violation
- 15 of this part or the rules promulgated under this part.
- 16 (5) Other than fines dedicated under section 2505, all civil
- 17 fines collected under this part shall be forwarded to the state
- 18 treasurer for deposit into the solid waste staff account within
- 19 the solid waste management fund created in section 11550.
- 20 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take
- 21 effect unless all of the following bills of the 92nd Legislature
- 22 are enacted into law:
- 23 (a) Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 4690 (request
- **24** no. 03687'03).
- 25 (b) Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 4689 (request
- 26 no. 03688'03).
- 27 (c) Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 4691 (request

01157'03 JCB

1 no. 03689'03).