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HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

House Bill 4249

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**Committee: Conservation, Environment,
and Great Lakes**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4249 INTRODUCED 2-1-95

Under the Environmental Response Act, a "hazardous substance" is defined to include "a chemical or other material which is or may become injurious to the public health, safety, or welfare or to the environment." House Bill 4249 would replace this definition with language defining "hazardous substance" as any substance that posed an unacceptable risk to public health, safety, welfare, or the environment, as demonstrated by the Department of Natural Resources on a case by case basis. In making the determination, the department would have to consider the fate of the material, dose-response, toxicity, or adverse impact on natural resources. The bill would also clarify the current definition of "department" under the act to specify that a delegation of a power or duty by the director to another person would have to be accomplished by written instrument.

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