

# SENATE BILL No. 568

June 10, 2003, Introduced by Senators PATTERSON, BASHAM, KUIPERS, TOY, OLSHOVE, BERNERO, SCOTT, BARCIA, BIRKHOLZ, GARCIA and SANBORN and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 3115b.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 3115b. (1) The department may offer and pay an award  
2 of up to \$10,000.00 to a person who provides information that  
3 materially contributes to the assessment of a civil fine by a  
4 court in an action brought by the attorney general under this  
5 part, or to the arrest and conviction of a person under this  
6 part.

7       (2) The following persons are not eligible for payment of an  
8 award under subsection (1):

- 9       (a) An officer or employee of the United States.
- 10       (b) An officer of the state of Michigan.
- 11       (c) A full- or part-time employee of the department, the

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1 department of attorney general, or the department of natural  
2 resources.

3 (d) A person who furnishes information described in this  
4 section in the performance of an official duty.

5 (e) A person wholly or partly responsible for the violation  
6 resulting in the civil fine or conviction.

7 (3) An award shall not be made under subsection (1) until  
8 rules are promulgated by the department prescribing the criteria  
9 for making awards.