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Introduced by Senator Emerson

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 567

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 3104, 8716, 30104, 30109, 32312, and 32513 (MCL 324.3104, 324.8716, 324.30104, 324.30109, 324.32312, and 324.32513), sections 3104, 30104, 30109, and 32312 as amended by 1999 PA 106 and section 32513 as amended by 2003 PA 14.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 3104. (1) The department is designated the state agency to cooperate and negotiate with other governments, governmental units, and governmental agencies in matters concerning the water resources of the state, including, but not limited to, flood control, beach erosion control, and water quality control planning, development, and management. The department shall have control over the alterations of natural or present watercourses of all rivers and streams in the state to assure that the channels and the portions of the floodplains that are the floodways are not inhabited and are kept free and clear of interference or obstruction that will cause any undue restriction of the capacity of the floodway. The department may take steps as may be necessary to take advantage of any act of congress that may be of assistance in carrying out the purposes of this part, including the water resources planning act, Public Law 89-80, 42 U.S.C. 1962 to 1962-1 and 1962a to 1962d-3, and 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, 1273 to 1274, 1281, 1282 to 1293, 1294 to 1301, 1311 to 1313, 1314 to 1330, 1341 to 1346, 1361 to 1375, 1376 to 1377, and 1381 to 1387.

(2) The department shall report to the governor and to the legislature at least annually any plans or projects being implemented or considered for implementation and shall include in the report requests for any legislation needed to implement any proposed projects or agreements made necessary as a result of a plan or project, together with any requests for appropriations. The department may make recommendations to the governor on the designation of areawide water quality planning regions and organizations relative to the governor's responsibilities under the federal water pollution control act.

(3) A person shall submit an application for a permit to alter a floodplain on a form approved by the department and shall include information that may be required by the department to assess the proposed alteration's impact on the floodplain. If an alteration includes activities at multiple locations in a floodplain, 1 application may be filed for combined activities.

(4) Except as provided in subsections (5), (6), and (8), until October 1, 2008, an application for a floodplain permit shall be accompanied by a fee of \$500.00. Until October 1, 2008, if the department determines that engineering computations are required to assess the impact of a proposed floodplain alteration on flood stage or discharge characteristics, the department shall assess the applicant an additional \$1,500.00 to cover the department's cost of review.

(5) Until October 1, 2008, an application for a floodplain permit for a minor project category shall be accompanied by a fee of \$100.00. Minor project categories shall be established by rule and shall include activities and projects that are similar in nature and have minimal potential for causing harmful interference.

(6) If work has been done in violation of a permit requirement under this part and restoration is not ordered by the department, the department may accept an application for a permit if the application is accompanied by a fee equal to 2 times the permit fee required under subsection (4) or (5).

(7) The department shall forward fees collected under this section to the state treasurer for deposit in the land and water management permit fee fund created in section 30113.

(8) A project that requires review and approval under this part and 1 or more of the following is subject to only the single highest permit fee required under this part or the following:

- (a) Part 301.
- (b) Part 303.
- (c) Part 323.
- (d) Part 325.
- (e) Section 117 of the land division act, 1967 PA 288, MCL 560.117.

Sec. 8716. (1) The freshwater protection fund is created within the state treasury.

(2) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund, including general fund general purpose appropriations, gifts, grants, bequests, and, if provided by law, revenue from the sale of Michigan freshwater protection bonds or the Michigan freshwater protection checkoff on state income and single business tax returns. The director shall annually seek matching general fund general purpose appropriations in amounts equal to the groundwater protection fees deposited into the fund pursuant to this part. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

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

(4) The department shall expend money from the fund, upon appropriation, only for 1 or more of the following purposes:

- (a) Direct assistance.
- (b) Indirect assistance.
- (c) Emergency response and removal of potential sources of groundwater contamination. Expenditures pursuant to this subdivision shall not exceed \$15,000.00 per location.
- (d) Groundwater protection and groundwater regulatory program.
- (e) Administrative costs. Expenditures pursuant to this subdivision shall not exceed 20% of the annual appropriations from the fund.

(5) The department shall establish criteria and procedures for approving proposed expenditures from the fund.

(6) Notwithstanding section 8715, if at the close of any fiscal year the amount of money in the fund exceeds \$3,500,000.00, the department shall not collect a groundwater protection fee for the following year. After the groundwater protection fees have been suspended under this subsection, the fees shall only be reinstated if, at the close of any succeeding fiscal year, the amount of money in the fund is less than \$1,000,000.00.

(7) The department of treasury shall, before November 1 of each year, notify the department of the balance in the fund at the close of the preceding fiscal year.

(8) As used in this section:

(a) "Administrative costs" includes, but is not limited to, costs incurred during any of the following:

(i) Groundwater monitoring for pesticides and fertilizers.

(ii) Development and enforcement of groundwater protection rules.

(iii) Coordination of programs under this part with the United States environmental protection agency and other state programs with groundwater and pesticide management responsibilities.

(iv) Management of pesticide sales information.

(b) "Direct assistance" includes, but is not limited to, programs that will provide for any of the following:

(i) Provision of alternate noncommunity water supplies.

(ii) Closure of wells that may impact groundwater, such as abandoned, improperly constructed, or drainage wells.

(iii) The environmentally sound disposal or recycling of specialty pesticide containers.

(iv) The environmentally sound disposal or recycling of nonspecialty pesticide containers.

(v) Specialty and nonspecialty pesticide pickup programs for pesticides not currently registered for use.

(vi) Programs devoted to integrated pest and crop management that strive to encourage the judicious use of pesticides and fertilizers through targeted applications as part of a systems approach to pest control and related crop management decisions.

(vii) Incentive and cost share programs for persons in the groundwater stewardship program for implementation of groundwater stewardship practices or groundwater protection rules.

(viii) Incentive and cost share programs for persons who notify the director of potential sources of groundwater contamination on their property.

(ix) Monitoring of private well water for pesticides and fertilizers.

(x) Removal of soils and waters contaminated by pesticides and fertilizers and the land application of those materials at agronomic rates.

(xi) Groundwater stewardship program grants pursuant to section 8710.

(xii) Other programs established pursuant to this part.

(c) "Indirect assistance" includes, but is not limited to, programs that will provide for any of the following:

(i) Public education and demonstration programs on specialty pesticide container recycling and environmentally sound disposal methods.

(ii) Educational programs for pesticide and fertilizer end users.

(iii) Technical assistance programs for pesticide and fertilizer end users.

(iv) The promotion and implementation of on-site evaluation systems and groundwater stewardship practices.

(v) Research programs for determination of the impacts of alternate pesticide and fertilizer management practices.

(vi) Research program for determination of aquifer sensitivity and vulnerability to contamination by pesticides and fertilizers.

Sec. 30104. (1) Before a project that is subject to this part is undertaken, a person shall file an application and receive a permit from the department. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the department and shall include any information that may be required by the department. If a project includes activities at multiple locations, 1 application may be filed for the combined activities.

(2) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4), until October 1, 2008, an application for a permit shall be accompanied by a fee based on an administrative cost in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) For a minor project listed in R 281.816 of the Michigan administrative code, or a seasonal drawdown or the associated reflooding, or both, of a dam or impoundment for the purpose of weed control, a fee of \$50.00. However, for a permit for a seasonal drawdown or associated reflooding, or both, of a dam or impoundment for the purpose of weed control that is issued for the first time after October 9, 1995, an initial fee of \$500.00 with subsequent permits for the same purpose being assessed a \$50.00 fee.

(b) For construction or expansion of a marina, a fee of:

(i) \$50.00 for an expansion of 1-10 slips to an existing permitted marina.

(ii) \$100.00 for a new marina with 1-10 proposed marina slips.

(iii) \$250.00 for an expansion of 11-50 slips to an existing permitted marina, plus \$10.00 for each slip over 50.

(iv) \$500.00 for a new marina with 11-50 proposed marina slips, plus \$10.00 for each slip over 50.

(v) \$1,500.00 if an existing permitted marina proposes maintenance dredging of 10,000 cubic yards or more or the addition of seawalls, bulkheads, or revetments of 500 feet or more.

(c) For renewal of a marina operating permit, a fee of \$50.00.

(d) For major projects other than a project described in subdivision (b)(v), involving any of the following, a fee of \$2,000.00:

(i) Dredging of 10,000 cubic yards or more.

(ii) Filling of 10,000 cubic yards or more.

(iii) Seawalls, bulkheads, or revetment of 500 feet or more.

(iv) Filling or draining of 1 acre or more of wetland contiguous to a lake or stream.

(v) New dredging or upland boat basin excavation in areas of suspected contamination.

(vi) Shore projections, such as groins and underwater stabilizers, that extend 150 feet or more into a lake or stream.

(vii) New commercial docks or wharves of 300 feet or more in length.

(viii) Stream enclosures 100 feet or more in length.

(ix) Stream relocations 500 feet or more in length.

(x) New golf courses.

(xi) Subdivisions.

(xii) Condominiums.

(e) For all other projects not listed in subdivisions (a) through (d), a fee of \$500.00.

(3) A project that requires review and approval under this part and 1 or more of the following acts or parts of acts is subject to only the single highest permit fee required under this part or the following acts or parts of acts:

(a) Part 303.

(b) Part 323.

(c) Part 325.

(d) Section 3104.

(e) Section 117 of the land division act, 1967 PA 288, MCL 560.117.

(4) If work has been done in violation of a permit requirement under this part and restoration is not ordered by the department, the department may accept an application for a permit if the application is accompanied by a fee equal to 2 times the permit fee required under this section.

Sec. 30109. Upon the written request of a riparian owner and upon payment of a service fee, the department may enter into a written agreement with a riparian owner establishing the location of the ordinary high-water mark for his or her property. In the absence of substantially changed conditions, the agreement shall be conclusive proof of the location in all matters between the state and the riparian owner and his or her successors in interest. Until October 1, 2008, the service fee provided for in this section shall be \$500.00. The department shall forward all service fees to the state treasurer for deposit into the fund.

Sec. 32312. (1) The department, in order to regulate the uses and development of high-risk areas, flood risk areas, and environmental areas and to implement the purposes of this part, shall promulgate rules. Except as provided under subsection (2), until October 1, 2008, if permits are required pursuant to rules promulgated under this part, a fee of \$500.00 shall be submitted to the department with each application for a commercial or multi-family residential project, a fee of \$100.00 shall be submitted with each application for a single-family home construction, and a fee of \$50.00 shall be submitted with each application for an addition to an existing single-family home or for a project that has a minor impact on fish and wildlife resources in environmental areas as determined by the department.

(2) A project that requires review and approval under this part and under 1 or more of the following is subject to only the single highest permit fee required under this part or the following:

(a) Part 301.

(b) Part 303.

(c) Part 325.

(d) Section 3104.

(e) Section 117 of the land division act, 1967 PA 288, MCL 560.117.

(3) The department shall forward fees collected under this section to the state treasurer for deposit in the land and water management permit fee fund created in section 30113.

(4) A circuit court, upon petition and a showing by the department that a violation of a rule promulgated under subsection (1) exists, shall issue any necessary order to the defendant to correct the violation or to restrain the defendant from further violation of the rule.

Sec. 32513. (1) Before any work or connection specified in section 32512 or 32512a is undertaken, a person shall file an application with the department of environmental quality setting forth the following:

(a) The name and address of the applicant.

(b) The legal description of the lands included in the project.

(c) A summary statement of the purpose of the project.

(d) A map or diagram showing the proposal on an adequate scale with contours and cross-section profiles of the waterway to be constructed.

(e) Other information required by the department of environmental quality.

(2) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4), until October 1, 2008, an application for a permit under this section shall be accompanied by a fee according to the following schedule:

(a) For a project in a category of activities for which a general permit is issued under section 32512a, a fee of \$100.00.

(b) For activities included in the minor project category as described in rules promulgated under this part and for a permit for the removal of vegetation in an area that is not more than 100 feet wide or the width of the property, whichever is less, or the mowing of vegetation in excess of what is allowed in section 32512(2)(a)(ii), in the area between the ordinary high-water mark and the water's edge, a fee of \$50.00.

(c) For construction or expansion of a marina, a fee of:

(i) \$50.00 for an expansion of 1-10 slips to an existing permitted marina.

(ii) \$100.00 for a new marina with 1-10 proposed marina slips.

(iii) \$250.00 for an expansion of 11-50 slips to an existing permitted marina, plus \$10.00 for each slip over 50.

(iv) \$500.00 for a new marina with 11-50 proposed marina slips, plus \$10.00 for each slip over 50.

(v) \$1,500.00 if an existing permitted marina proposes maintenance dredging of 10,000 cubic yards or more or the addition of seawalls, bulkheads, or revetments of 500 feet or more.

(d) For major projects other than a project described in subdivision (c)(v), involving any of the following, a fee of \$2,000.00:

(i) Dredging of 10,000 cubic yards or more.

(ii) Filling of 10,000 cubic yards or more.

(iii) Seawalls, bulkheads, or revetment of 500 feet or more.

(iv) Filling or draining of 1 acre or more of coastal wetland.

(v) New dredging or upland boat basin excavation in areas of suspected contamination.

(vi) New breakwater or channel jetty.

(vii) Shore protection, such as groins and underwater stabilizers, that extend 150 feet or more on Great Lakes bottomlands.

(viii) New commercial dock or wharf of 300 feet or more in length.

(e) For all other projects not listed in subdivisions (a) through (d), \$500.00.

(3) A project that requires review and approval under this part and 1 or more of the following is subject to only the single highest permit fee required under this part or the following:

(a) Part 301.

(b) Part 303.

(c) Part 323.

(d) Section 3104.

(e) Section 117 of the land division act, 1967 PA 288, MCL 560.117.

(4) If work has been done in violation of a permit requirement under this part and restoration is not ordered by the department of environmental quality, the department of environmental quality may accept an application for a permit if the application is accompanied by a fee equal to 2 times the permit fee required under this section.

(5) The department of environmental quality shall forward all fees collected under this section to the state treasurer for deposit into the land and water management permit fee fund created in section 30113.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Carol Morey Viventi

Secretary of the Senate

Jay E. Randall

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved

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Governor