

# SENATE BILL NO. 714

January 09, 2020, Introduced by Senator VICTORY and referred to the Committee on Environmental Quality.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 32312, 32312a, and 32510 (MCL 324.32312, 324.32312a, and 324.32510), section 32312 as amended by 2019 PA 84, section 32312a as added by 1997 PA 126, and section 32510 as added by 1995 PA 59, and by adding sections 32312c and 32517.

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

**1**           Sec. 32312. (1) To regulate the uses and development of high-

1 risk areas, flood risk areas, and environmental areas and to  
2 implement the purposes of this part, the department shall  
3 promulgate rules. If **the rules require** permits, ~~are required under~~  
4 ~~rules promulgated under this part,~~ the permits shall be issued  
5 pursuant to the rules and part 13. Except as provided under  
6 subsection (2), until October 1, 2023, if permits are required  
7 pursuant to rules promulgated under this part, an application for a  
8 permit shall be accompanied by a fee as follows:

9 (a) For a commercial or multifamily residential project,  
10 \$500.00.

11 (b) For a single-family home construction, \$100.00.

12 (c) For an addition to an existing single-family home or for a  
13 project that has a minor impact on fish and wildlife resources in  
14 environmental areas as determined by the department, \$50.00.

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

19 (a) Part 301.

20 (b) Part 303.

21 (c) Part 325.

22 (d) Section 3104.

23 (e) Section 117 of the land division act, 1967 PA 288, MCL  
24 560.117.

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

28 (4) A circuit court, upon petition and a showing by the  
29 department that **section 32312a** or a rule promulgated under

1 subsection (1) has been violated, shall issue any necessary order  
2 to the defendant to correct the violation or to restrain the  
3 defendant from further violation of **section 32312a** or the rule.

4 **(5) A person that violates section 32312a may be ordered to**  
5 **pay a civil fine of not more than \$2,000.00. A violation of section**  
6 **32312a may be prosecuted by the prosecutor of the county in which**  
7 **the violation occurred or by the attorney general.**

8 Sec. 32312a. ~~(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this~~  
9 ~~part or the rules promulgated under this part, the department shall~~  
10 ~~allow above grade walls to be constructed with movable brick.~~**A**  
11 **permit is not required under this part for construction of a**  
12 **temporary erosion control structure if all of the following**  
13 **conditions are met:**

14 **(a) The structure is installed on shoreland of 1 of the**  
15 **following bodies of water when the level of that body of water is**  
16 **not less than the following applicable distance above sea level:**

17 **(i) Lake Superior, 603.1 feet.**

18 **(ii) Lake Michigan, 581.5 feet.**

19 **(iii) Lake Huron, 581.5 feet.**

20 **(iv) Lake St. Clair, 576.7 feet.**

21 **(v) Lake Erie, 573.8 feet.**

22 **(b) The structure is constructed of materials approved by the**  
23 **department.**

24 **(c) The structure is constructed by a licensed contractor.**

25 **(d) Before installation of the structure commences, the**  
26 **property owner notifies the department in writing of all of the**  
27 **following:**

28 **(i) The electronic mail address, if any, name, address, and**  
29 **telephone number of the property owner.**

1           (ii) The location of the proposed structure.

2           (iii) The type and approximate amount of material of which the  
3 structure will be composed.

4           (2) Within 78 weeks after filing notice under subsection (1),  
5 the owner of property at which a temporary erosion control  
6 structure is installed shall file an application for any permit  
7 required under this part for a permanent erosion control structure  
8 to replace the temporary structure or shall remove the temporary  
9 structure. If the application is denied, the property owner shall,  
10 within 90 days after the denial, remove the temporary structure.  
11 Within 14 days after the removal of a temporary structure under  
12 this subsection, the property owner shall notify the department in  
13 writing of the removal. The notice shall state both of the  
14 following:

15           (a) The electronic mail address, if any, name, address, and  
16 telephone number of the property owner.

17           (b) The location of the former structure.

18           (3) Removal of a temporary erosion control structure under  
19 subsection (2) does not require a permit under this part.

20           Sec. 32312c. Notwithstanding any other provision of this part  
21 or the rules promulgated under this part, the department shall  
22 allow above-grade walls to be constructed with movable brick.

23           Sec. 32510. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a person  
24 who excavates or fills or in any manner alters or modifies any of  
25 the land or waters subject to this part without the approval of the  
26 department **or who violates section 32517** is guilty of a misdemeanor  
27 ~~r~~-punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of  
28 not more than \$1,000.00, or both. Land altered or modified in  
29 violation of this part shall not be sold to any person convicted

1 under this section at less than fair, cash market value.

2 (2) A person who commits a minor offense is guilty of a  
 3 misdemeanor ~~—~~ punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00. ~~for~~  
 4 ~~each violation.~~ A law enforcement officer may issue and serve an  
 5 appearance ticket upon a person for a minor offense pursuant to  
 6 sections 9a to 9g of chapter IV of the code of criminal procedure,  
 7 ~~Act No. 175 of the Public Acts of 1927, being sections 1927 PA 175,~~  
 8 **MCL 764.9a to 764.9g. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.**

9 (3) As used in this section, "minor offense" means ~~either~~ **any**  
 10 of the following violations of this part if the department  
 11 determines that restoration of the affected property is not  
 12 required:

13 (a) The failure to obtain a permit under this part.

14 (b) A violation of a permit issued under this part.

15 (c) **A violation of section 32517.**

16 **Sec. 32517. (1) A permit is not required under this part for**  
 17 **construction of a temporary erosion control structure if all of the**  
 18 **following conditions are met:**

19 (a) **The structure is installed on bottomlands of 1 of the**  
 20 **following bodies of water when the level of that body of water is**  
 21 **not less than the following applicable distance above sea level:**

22 (i) **Lake Superior, 603.1 feet.**

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27 (b) **The structure is constructed of materials approved by the**  
 28 **department.**

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2 property owner notifies the department in writing of all of the  
3 following:

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5 telephone number of the property owner.

6 (ii) The location of the proposed structure.

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8 structure will be composed.

9 (2) Within 78 weeks after filing notice under subsection (1),  
10 the owner of property for which a temporary erosion control  
11 structure is installed shall file an application for any permit  
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14 structure. If the application is denied, the property owner shall,  
15 within 90 days after the denial, remove the temporary structure.  
16 Within 14 days after the removal of a temporary structure under  
17 this subsection, the property owner shall notify the department in  
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24 subsection (2) does not require a permit under this part.