

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**  
Part 184  
SANITARIANS

**333.18401 Definitions; principles of construction.**

Sec. 18401.

(1) As used in this part:

(a) "Environmental health" means an area of activity dealing with the protection of human health through the management, control, and prevention of environmental factors that may adversely affect the health of individuals. Environmental health is concerned with the existence of substances, conditions, or facilities in quantities, of characteristics, and under conditions, circumstances, or duration that are or can be injurious to human health.

(b) "Registered sanitarian" means a sanitarian registered in accordance with this article.

(c) "Sanitarian" means an individual who has specialized education and experience in the physical, biological, and sanitary sciences as applied to the educational, investigational, and technical duties in the field of environmental health.

(2) In addition to the definitions in this part, article 1 contains general definitions and principles of construction applicable to all articles in this code and part 161 contains definitions applicable to this part.

**History:** 1978, Act 368, Eff. Sept. 30, 1978 ;-- Am. 2004, Act 308, Eff. Jan. 1, 2005

**Compiler's Notes:** For transfer of powers and duties of certain health-related functions, boards, and commissions from the Department of Licensing and Regulation to the Department of Commerce, see E.R.O. No. 1991-9, compiled at MCL 338.3501 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. For transfer of powers and duties of the board of sanitarians from the department of commerce to the director of the department of consumer and industry services, and abolishment of the board of sanitarians, see E.R.O. No. 1996-2, compiled at MCL 445.2001 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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**333.18411 Use of titles or similar words.**

Sec. 18411.

A person shall not use the titles "sanitarian", "registered sanitarian", "r.s.", or similar words which indicate that he, she, or it is a registered sanitarian unless the person is registered under this article.

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**333.18413 Conflict of interest; adoption by reference.**

Sec. 18413.

(1) A registered sanitarian shall not engage in or have an interest in any work, project, or operation prejudicial to his or her professional interest and shall not engage in the practice of professional engineering as defined in section 2001 of the occupational code, 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.2001, unless the activity is consistent with that as defined in section 18401(c).

(2) The standards of the national environmental health association as they exist on the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection relative to qualifications, education, and examinations are adopted by reference. The department shall accept the certification by the national environmental health association of the successful completion of any education or examination for purposes of registration under this part.

(3) Notwithstanding section 16148, the department may by rule adopt any other or additional appropriate standards and may adopt any updates or amendments to the national environmental health association standards adopted under subsection (2).

**History:** 1978, Act 368, Eff. Sept. 30, 1978 ;-- Am. 2004, Act 308, Eff. Jan. 1, 2005  
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**333.18421 Advisory committee; creation; purpose; appointment and terms of members.**

Sec. 18421.

(1) There is created a 7-member advisory committee whose purpose is to make recommendations to the department relative to qualifications for registration, establishment of education and training standards, and actions regarding disciplinary proceedings. The members shall be appointed by the governor for a term of 3 years.

(2) The membership on the committee is as follows:

(a) Four members who are registered sanitarians.

(b) One member who represents the Michigan restaurant association or its successor organization.

(c) One member who represents the Michigan groundwater association or its successor organization.

(d) One member who represents the Michigan onsite wastewater recycling association or its successor organization.

(3) Of the initial members who are registered sanitarians, 1 member shall be appointed for a term of 1 year, 1 member shall be appointed for a term of 2 years, and 2 members shall be appointed for terms of 3 years.

**History:** 1978, Act 368, Eff. Sept. 30, 1978 ;-- Am. 1993, Act 79, Eff. Apr. 1, 1994 ;-- Am. 2004, Act 308, Eff. Jan. 1, 2005

**Compiler's Notes:** For transfer of sanitarian advisory committee to department of community health by type III transfer, see E.R.O. No. 2009-10, compiled at MCL 333.26364.

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