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**FARMERS' ENV'L. INVENTORY:
EXEMPT FROM FOIA**

House Bill 6052

Sponsor: Rep. Mike Green

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

Complete to 11-5-96

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6052 AS INTRODUCED 9-11-96

Under the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), the director of the Department of Agriculture (DOA) -- in conjunction with Michigan State University, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and anyone else the director considers appropriate -- is required to develop a voluntary on-site evaluation system for pesticide and nitrogen fertilizer use, designed to do a number of things (such as providing people with the ability to voluntarily determine the effect on groundwater of their use of pesticides and nitrogen fertilizers and the degree to which their practices correspond with groundwater stewardship practices and applicable groundwater protection rules). House Bill 6052 would amend the act to specify that voluntary on-site evaluation would be exempt from the disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). House Bill 6052 would also delete references to the DNR and the Commissioner of Agriculture to conform to recent changes which have replaced these entities with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Commission of Agriculture.

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