



HOUSE BILL No. 4699

April 5, 1995, Introduced by Reps. Yokich, Olshove, Ciaramitaro, Gire, Pitoniak, Willard and Palamara and referred to the Committee on Conservation, Environment and Great Lakes.

A bill to amend Act No. 245 of the Public Acts of 1929,
entitled as amended

"An act to regulate, protect, and conserve the water resources of the state, to provide for the control over the pollution of any waters of the state and the Great Lakes, to provide for the control over the alteration of the watercourses and the floodplains of all rivers and streams; to create a water resources commission; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials; to require the registration of manufacturing products, production materials, and waste products where certain wastes are discharged; to provide for certain fees and the disposition of those fees; to require permits to regulate the discharge or storage of any substance which may affect the quality of the waters of the state and to establish restrictions to assure compliance with applicable state standards and to authorize the establishment of permit restrictions and programs to assure compliance with applicable federal law and regulations; to prohibit the pollution of any waters of the state and the Great Lakes; to prohibit the obstruction of the floodways of the rivers and streams of the state; to designate the department of natural resources as the state agency to cooperate and negotiate with other governments and agencies in matters concerning the water resources of the state; and to provide penalties and remedies for the violation of this act,"

as amended, being sections 323.1 to 323.13a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, by adding section 6c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Act No. 245 of the Public Acts of 1929, as
2 amended, being sections 323.1 to 323.13a of the Michigan Compiled
3 Laws, is amended by adding section 6c to read as follows:

4 SEC. 6C. THE DEPARTMENT MAY PAY AN AWARD OF UP TO
5 \$10,000.00 TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDES INFORMATION RESULTING IN
6 THE ASSESSMENT OF A CIVIL FINE BY A COURT IN AN ACTION BROUGHT BY
7 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE DISCHARGE OF UNTREATED SEWAGE OR ANY
8 OTHER UNLAWFUL DISCHARGE INTO THE WATERS OF THIS STATE. AN OFFI-
9 CER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE UNITED STATES OR THIS STATE WHO FURNISHES
10 INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF AN
11 OFFICIAL DUTY IS INELIGIBLE FOR PAYMENT UNDER THIS SECTION. IN
12 ADDITION, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT, A DESIGNEE OF THE
13 DEPARTMENT, OR A PERSON EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY
14 GENERAL IS INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN AWARD UNDER THIS SECTION
15 REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE REPORTED INFORMATION CAME TO HIS OR HER
16 ATTENTION WHILE FUNCTIONING IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY OR AS A PRI-
17 VATE CITIZEN. AN INDIVIDUAL IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN AWARD
18 UNDER THIS SECTION FOR A VIOLATION COMMITTED BY THAT PERSON ALONE
19 OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHERS. AN AWARD SHALL NOT BE MADE UNDER
20 THIS SECTION UNTIL RULES ARE PROMULGATED BY THE DEPARTMENT PRE-
21 SCRIBING THE CRITERIA FOR MAKING AWARDS.