



HOUSE BILL No. 6052

September 11, 1996, Introduced by Reps. Green, Horton, Kukuk, McBryde, Goschka, Gernaat, Rhead, Geiger, LeTarte, Weeks and Galloway and referred to the Committee on Conservation, Environment and Great Lakes.

A bill to amend section 8707 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," being section 324.8707 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 8707 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts
2 of 1994, being section 324.8707 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 8707. (1) The director, in conjunction with the
5 Michigan state university cooperative extension service and the
6 agricultural experiment station in cooperation with the United
7 State department of agriculture soil and conservation service and
8 the agricultural stabilization and conservation service, the
9 department of ~~natural resources~~ ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, and
10 other professional and industry organizations, shall develop

1 groundwater stewardship practices for approval by the
2 ~~commissioner~~ COMMISSION of agriculture and upon approval shall
3 promote their implementation.

4 (2) The director, in conjunction with Michigan state univer-
5 sity, the department of ~~natural resources~~ ENVIRONMENTAL
6 QUALITY, and other persons the director considers appropriate,
7 shall develop a voluntary on-site evaluation system for pesticide
8 or nitrogen fertilizer use. The on-site evaluation system shall
9 be designed to do all of the following:

10 (a) Provide persons with the ability to voluntarily deter-
11 mine the relative groundwater impact potential posed by their use
12 of pesticides and nitrogen fertilizers.

13 (b) Provide persons with the ability to determine the degree
14 to which operations are in accord with groundwater stewardship
15 practices and applicable groundwater protection rules.

16 (c) Prioritize operational changes at the site level
17 intended to protect groundwater.

18 (d) Guide persons to appropriate technical and educational
19 materials.

20 (3) INFORMATION OBTAINED PURSUANT TO A VOLUNTARY ON-SITE
21 EVALUATION DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (2) IS NOT SUBJECT TO DIS-
22 CLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, ACT NO. 442 OF THE
23 PUBLIC ACTS OF 1976, BEING SECTIONS 15.231 TO 15.246 OF THE
24 MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS.

25 (4) ~~(3)~~ The director, in conjunction with the groundwater
26 advisory council, shall review and evaluate the effectiveness of
27 groundwater stewardship practices adopted under subsection (1).