



HOUSE BILL No. 5893

June 20, 2000, Introduced by Reps. Brater, Gielegem, DeHart, Callahan, Mans, Martinez, LaForge, Kowall, Minore, Bogardus, Baird, Switalski, Frank, Garza, Dennis, Lockwood and Daniels and referred to the Committee on Conservation and Outdoor Recreation.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding part 6.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 PART 6 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

2 SEC. 601. AS USED IN THIS PART:

3 (A) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE TO WHOM THE DIRECTOR
5 DELEGATES A POWER OR DUTY BY WRITTEN INSTRUMENT.

6 (B) "DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY" MEANS THE PRINCIPAL
7 STATE DEPARTMENT CREATED IN THIS PART.

8 (C) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
9 QUALITY.

10 SEC. 602. (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY IS
11 CREATED AS A PRINCIPAL STATE DEPARTMENT WHICH SHALL POSSESS THE

1 POWERS AND PERFORM THE DUTIES GRANTED AND IMPOSED BY THIS ACT AND
2 AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.

3 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSERVE AND PROTECT THE AIR,
4 WATER, AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE STATE FROM POLLUTION,
5 IMPAIRMENT, AND DESTRUCTION FOR THE BENEFIT OF CURRENT AND FUTURE
6 GENERATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ACTIVELY SEEK THE PARTICIPA-
7 TION OF THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLE-
8 MENTATION OF POLICIES, THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, AND THE PROTEC-
9 TION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC TRUST THEREIN.