



# HOUSE BILL No. 6008

September 27, 2000, Introduced by Reps. Hager, Kowall, Gilbert, Tabor, DeRossett, Hart, Toy, Shackleton, Garcia, Mortimer and Richardville 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 section 32912.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1 SEC. 32912. (1) THE OFFICE OF THE GREAT LAKES SHALL ESTAB-  
2 LISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR AN ON-BOARD BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT  
3 SYSTEM THAT WILL PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION AND SPREAD OF AQUATIC  
4 NUISANCE SPECIES WITHIN THE GREAT LAKES. THE ON-BOARD BALLAST  
5 WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHALL BE DESIGNED TO STERILIZE AND MONI-  
6 TOR BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS CARRIED ON A VESSEL. BALLAST  
7 WATER AND SEDIMENTS SHALL BE STERILIZED IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY  
8 THE OFFICE OF THE GREAT LAKES AND MONITORED ELECTRONICALLY BY THE  
9 OFFICE VIA SATELLITE TRANSMISSION.

1       (2) THE PILOT PROJECT UNDER SUBSECTION (1) SHALL INVOLVE AT  
2 LEAST 1 OCEANGOING COMMERCIAL VESSEL AND 1 FRESHWATER COMMERCIAL  
3 VESSEL.

4       (3) THE OFFICE OF THE GREAT LAKES SHALL CONSULT WITH THE  
5 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PILOT PROGRAM  
6 UNDER SUBSECTION (1).

7       (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES",  
8 "BALLAST WATER", "GREAT LAKES", "SEDIMENTS", AND "STERILIZED"  
9 MEAN THOSE TERMS AS THEY ARE DEFINED IN SECTION 3101.

10       Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take  
11 effect unless Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 6007  
12 (request no. 07147'00) of the 90th Legislature is enacted into  
13 law.