

# HOUSE BILL No. 4051

January 25, 2001, Introduced by Reps. Kolb and Lipsey and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Environment.

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 PRINCI-  
7 PAL STATE DEPARTMENT CREATED IN THIS PART.

8 (C) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVI-  
9 RONMENTAL QUALITY.

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

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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 NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE STATE  
10 AND THE PUBLIC TRUST IN THOSE RESOURCES.