

HOUSE BILL No. 4260

February 26, 2015, Introduced by Rep. Webber and referred to the Committee on Energy Policy.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 61506b (MCL 324.61506b), as added by 1998 PA 303.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 61506b. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and
2 (3), ~~beginning on the effective date of this section, the~~
3 supervisor shall not issue a permit for or authorize the drilling
4 of an oil or gas well ~~if both of the following apply:~~

5 ~~— (a) The well~~ **IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF 750,000 OR MORE**
6 **IF THE WELL** is PROPOSED TO BE located within ~~450~~ **1,000** feet of a
7 residential building.

8 ~~— (b) The residential building is located in a city or township~~
9 ~~with a population of 70,000 or more.~~

10 (2) The supervisor may grant a waiver from the requirement of

1 subsection ~~(1)(a)~~ **(1)** if the clerk of the city, village, or
2 township in which the proposed well is located has been notified of
3 the application for a permit for the proposed well and if either of
4 the following conditions is met:

5 (a) The owner or owners of all residential buildings located
6 within ~~450~~ **1,000** feet of the proposed well give written consent.

7 (b) The supervisor determines, pursuant to a public hearing
8 held before the waiver is granted, that the proposed well location
9 will not cause waste and there is no reasonable alternative for the
10 location of the well that will allow the oil and gas rights holder
11 to develop the oil and gas.

12 (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to a well utilized for the
13 injection, withdrawal, and observation of the storage of natural
14 gas pursuant to this part.