

HOUSE BILL No. 5903

May 1, 2018, Introduced by Reps. Cochran, Elder, Zemke, Hoadley, Green, Clemente, Ellison, Dianda, Wittenberg, Chang and Cambensy and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to provide for the protection of certain pollinators in this state; to create the pollinator protection fund and to provide for contributions to and expenditures from that fund; to create a pollinator stewardship program; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "pollinator protection act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

5 (b) "Fund" means the pollinator protection fund created in
6 section 4.

7 (c) "Pollinator" means an insect, including, but not limited

1 to, a bee, that moves pollen from the male anther of a flower to
2 the female stigma of a flower.

3 (d) "Stewardship program" means the pollinator stewardship
4 program created in section 3.

5 Sec. 3. The department shall create a pollinator stewardship
6 program to protect and enhance sustainable populations of
7 pollinators in this state. The stewardship program shall administer
8 grants from money distributed to the fund that allow municipalities
9 and nonprofit organizations to develop and maintain pollinator
10 habitats and engage in monitoring research of pollinators.

11 Sec. 4. (1) The pollinator protection fund is created within
12 the state treasury.

13 (2) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from
14 any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall
15 direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit
16 to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

17 (3) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall
18 remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

19 (4) The department shall be the administrator of the fund for
20 auditing purposes.

21 (5) The department shall expend money from the fund, upon
22 appropriation, only to implement the stewardship program.

23 Enacting section 1. This act takes effect 90 days after the
24 date it is enacted into law.