

HOUSE BILL No. 5904

May 1, 2018, Introduced by Reps. Maturen, Elder, Zemke, Hoadley, Ellison, Clemente, Wittenberg and Lilly and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 412, entitled

"An act to provide for the suppression of serious diseases among bees; to prescribe certain powers and duties of the director of the department of agriculture; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts,"

(MCL 286.801 to 286.821) by amending the title and by adding section 3.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 TITLE

2 An act to provide for the suppression of serious diseases
3 among bees **AND OTHER POLLINATORS**; to prescribe certain powers and
4 duties of the ~~director of the~~ department of agriculture **AND RURAL**
5 **DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; TO CREATE A**
6 **POLLINATOR HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL AND PRESCRIBE ITS POWERS AND**
7 **DUTIES**; and to repeal ~~certain acts~~ and parts of acts.

8 **SEC. 3. (1) THE POLLINATOR HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL IS CREATED**

1 WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

2 (2) THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING 12 MEMBERS:

3 (A) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OR HIS
4 OR HER DESIGNEE, WHO SHALL SERVE AS OR SELECT THE CHAIRPERSON OF
5 THE COUNCIL.

6 (B) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL
7 DEVELOPMENT OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE.

8 (C) TEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 NATURAL RESOURCES AS FOLLOWS:

10 (i) ONE REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES.

11 (ii) ONE REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF MOSQUITO CONTROL.

12 (iii) TWO REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF UNITS OF LOCAL
13 GOVERNMENT.

14 (iv) TWO REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF NONGOVERNMENTAL
15 CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.

16 (v) TWO REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF FARMER AND OTHER
17 AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS.

18 (vi) ONE REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF PESTICIDE APPLICATORS.

19 (vii) ONE REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF COMMERCIAL BEEKEEPERS.

20 (3) THE MEMBERS FIRST APPOINTED TO THE COUNCIL MUST BE
21 APPOINTED WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY
22 ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION.

23 (4) A VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL MAY BE FILLED AT THE DISCRETION
24 OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

25 (5) THE COUNCIL SHALL ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
26 RESOURCES ON POLLINATOR HEALTH AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE
27 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROTECTION PLAN

1 BY COMPLETING THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

2 (A) GENERATING REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF
3 THE COUNCIL'S FIRST MEETING:

4 (i) A LIST OF PRODUCTS, BASED ON THE BEST AVAILABLE RESEARCH,
5 THAT ARE HARMFUL TO POLLINATORS.

6 (ii) PESTICIDE USE ACROSS THIS STATE AND ALL INDUSTRIES.

7 (iii) A BASELINE OF POLLINATOR HEALTH.

8 (B) RECOMMENDING BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND CHANGES TO
9 MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TO IMPROVE POLLINATOR HEALTH.

10 (C) TRACKING OVERALL POLLINATOR HEALTH AND CHANGES TO
11 POLLINATOR HEALTH.

12 (6) THE COUNCIL SHALL PROVIDE THE REPORTS LISTED UNDER
13 SUBSECTION (5) TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND TO THE
14 SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND ON NATURAL
15 RESOURCES.

16 (7) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY COORDINATE WITH
17 THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION IN PROVIDING ADMINISTRATIVE
18 SUPPORT FOR THE COUNCIL.

19 (8) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

20 (A) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE POLLINATOR HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
21 CREATED IN THIS SECTION.

22 (B) "PROTECTION PLAN" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
23 RESOURCES'S POLLINATOR PROTECTION PLAN.

24 (9) THE COUNCIL SHALL EXIST FOR A PERIOD OF 4 YEARS FOLLOWING
25 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION.

26 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
27 after the date it is enacted into law.