

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 26

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 5534.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 5534. (1) As used in this section:

2 (a) "Air quality facility supplemental environmental project"
3 means an environmentally beneficial project for air pollution
4 prevention, air pollution reduction, or air monitoring or
5 evaluation that an alleged violator agrees to undertake at the
6 facility where an air quality violation occurred as part of a
7 settlement of an enforcement action, but that the alleged violator
8 is not otherwise legally required to perform.

9 (b) "AQEM fund" means the air quality enforcement and



1 mitigation fund created in subsection (2).

2 (c) "Environmental justice community" means a geographic area
3 that the department has identified as a community facing a
4 disproportionate environmental burden, using the department's
5 MiEJScreen or the United States Environmental Protection Agency's
6 EJSCREEN and indicators such as sensitive populations,
7 socioeconomic factors, exposures, and environmental effects.

8 (2) The air quality enforcement and mitigation fund is created
9 within the state treasury. All civil and administrative fines
10 collected under this part shall be deposited into the AQEM fund. If
11 the person responsible for an alleged violation agrees to a
12 settlement of an enforcement action under section 5528 or 5530,
13 money that the person spends on an air quality facility
14 supplemental environmental project is not a fine for the purposes
15 of this subsection. The state treasurer shall direct the investment
16 of the AQEM fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the AQEM fund
17 interest and earnings from fund investments. Money in the AQEM fund
18 at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the AQEM fund and
19 shall not lapse to the general fund. The department shall be the
20 administrator of the AQEM fund for auditing purposes.

21 (3) The department shall expend money from the AQEM fund, upon
22 appropriation, only as follows:

23 (a) Twenty percent of the money shall be expended for
24 functions of the department that are related to 1 or both of the
25 following:

26 (i) Increased air monitoring that benefits environmental
27 justice communities.

28 (ii) Administration of the air quality community impact grant
29 program under subsection (4).



1 (b) Eighty percent of the money shall be expended for air
2 quality community impact grants under subsection (4) for 1 or more
3 of the following in the communities where the violations occurred
4 or nearby communities, giving priority to environmental justice
5 communities:

6 (i) Mitigation of air pollution such as by buffers of
7 vegetation, air filtration systems in homes or schools, and diesel
8 engine retrofit or diesel equipment replacement programs.

9 (ii) Assessments of the health impacts of air pollution.

10 (iii) Education and training programs for community residents
11 and local environmental regulators to increase effectiveness of
12 enforcement programs in deterring violations of this part and rules
13 promulgated or orders issued under this part.

14 (4) The department shall establish an air quality community
15 impact grant program. The program shall provide grants to nonprofit
16 entities, school districts, institutions of higher education, and
17 local units of government, including, but not limited to, local
18 health or environmental departments, for the purposes of subsection
19 (3) (b) .

20 (5) The department shall develop guidelines to implement
21 subsection (4) . At a minimum, the guidelines shall describe how
22 grants are to be allocated, the procedures for applying for grants,
23 the criteria for awarding grants, and administrative and fiscal
24 requirements governing the receipt and expenditure of grants. The
25 department shall develop the guidelines in consultation with an
26 advisory committee that includes, but is not limited to, at least 1
27 of each of the following:

28 (a) A public health expert.

29 (b) A representative of an environmental justice organization.



1 (c) A representative of the department of health and human
2 services.

3 (d) A representative of a local health department or local
4 environmental department.

5 (e) Two residents of environmental justice communities.

6 (f) An industry representative who has a background in
7 environmental compliance or mitigation of the effects of pollution.

8 (6) The department, in collaboration with environmental
9 justice and environmental interest groups, shall develop a process
10 to identify environmental justice communities, including
11 researching best practices in the United States. The identification
12 process shall include community engagement to obtain information
13 and feedback.

14 (7) The department shall post on its website and otherwise
15 make publicly available an annual report on the purposes for which
16 grants were awarded under subsection (3) (b), including the
17 communities affected.

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

