

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

\*\*\*\*\* 324.30303b.added *THIS ADDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE PENDING FUNDING APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE (See compiler's note); THIS ADDED SECTION IS ALSO REPEALED BY ACT 120 OF 2009 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012* \*\*\*\*\*

**324.30303b.added Increasing efficiency of permitting process; pilot program; designation of participants; report; repeal of section.**

Sec. 30303b. (1) The department shall implement a pilot program to facilitate the role of local units of government, conservation districts, nonprofit organizations, and wetland professionals in assisting persons seeking such assistance with completing permit applications, avoiding and minimizing impacts from a proposed project, using best management practices in a proposed project, and otherwise complying with this part. The goals of the pilot program include increasing the efficiency of the permitting process through better utilization of all available resources, including department staff, while protecting the wetland of this state. The pilot program shall not affect the department's authority to make regulatory decisions in any way.

(2) Within 60 days after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section, the director shall designate at least 3 entities to participate in the pilot program, with the goal of selecting at least 1 local unit of government, 1 conservation district, and 1 nonprofit organization. A proposed designation under this subsection shall be posted on the department's website for public review and comment for at least 21 days before the designation is made.

(3) By April 1, 2012, the department and entities participating in the program under subsection (2) shall report to the council on program results and recommendations for further refining the program.

(4) This section is repealed effective October 1, 2012.

**History:** Add. 2009, Act 120, Eff. (pending).

**Compiler's note:** Enacting section 1 of Act 120 of 2009 provides:

"Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless both of the following requirements are met:

(a) \$4,000,000.00 from the cleanup and redevelopment trust fund created in section 3e of 1976 IL 1, MCL 445.573e, and \$4,000,000.00 from the community pollution prevention fund created in section 3f of 1976 IL 1, MCL 445.573f, is appropriated by the legislature to the environmental protection fund created in section 503a of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.503a.

(b) \$2,000,000.00 is appropriated by the legislature from the environmental protection fund to support the program under part 303 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.30301 to 324.30329."

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