

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4264

February 26, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Tyrone Carter, Robinson, Elder, Shannon, Cynthia Johnson, Garrett, Garza, Manoogian, Neeley, Rabhi, Gay-Dagnogo, Clemente, Liberati, Cambensy, Howell, Kuppa, Yancey and Whitsett and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.

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) "AQEM fund" means the air quality enforcement and**  
3 **mitigation fund created in subsection (2).**  
4           **(b) "Environmental protection community" means a geographic**



1 area that the department of environmental quality, using tools such  
2 as the United States Environmental Protection Agency's EJSCREEN,  
3 has identified as a community facing a disproportionate  
4 environmental burden using indicators such as sensitive  
5 populations, socioeconomic factors, exposures, and environmental  
6 effects.

7 (2) The air quality enforcement and mitigation fund is created  
8 within the state treasury. All civil and administrative fines  
9 collected under this part shall be deposited in the AQEM fund. The  
10 state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source  
11 for deposit into the AQEM fund. The state treasurer shall direct  
12 the investment of the AQEM fund. The state treasurer shall credit  
13 to the AQEM fund interest and earnings from fund investments. Money  
14 in the AQEM fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in  
15 the AQEM fund and shall not lapse to the general fund. The  
16 department of environmental quality shall be the administrator of  
17 the fund for auditing purposes.

18 (3) The department of environmental quality shall expend money  
19 from the AQEM fund, upon appropriation, only as follows:

20 (a) Thirty percent of the money shall be expended for staffing  
21 and other functions of the department of environmental quality that  
22 benefit environmental protection communities and are related to 1  
23 or more of the following:

24 (i) Mitigation of air pollution, such as by buffering with  
25 vegetation, optional residential buyouts, air filters in homes and  
26 schools, and diesel engine retrofit or replacement programs.

27 (ii) Increased air monitoring.

28 (iii) Improved compliance by persons with a history of  
29 violations of this part or permits issued or rules promulgated



1 under this part including, but not limited to, training for  
2 environmental regulators or prosecuting attorneys.

3 (b) Seventy percent of the money shall be expended for grants  
4 under subsection (4) for 1 or more of the following purposes in the  
5 community where the violation occurred, or nearby communities,  
6 particularly environmental protection communities:

7 (i) The purposes described in subdivision (a) (i) and (ii).

8 (ii) Health impact assessments.

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

13 (4) The department of environmental quality shall establish an  
14 air quality community impact grant program. The program shall  
15 provide grants to nonprofit entities, local health departments,  
16 local environmental departments, and school districts to carry out  
17 the purposes of subsection (3) (b).

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

26 (a) A public health expert.

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

28 (c) A representative of the department of health and human  
29 services.



1 (d) A representative of a local health department or local  
2 environmental department.

3 (e) Two residents of environmental protection communities.

4 (6) The department of environmental quality, in collaboration  
5 with environmental interest groups, shall develop a process to  
6 identify environmental protection communities. Within 150 days  
7 after census block data from a decennial census becomes publicly  
8 available, the department of environmental quality shall identify  
9 environmental protection communities. The identification process  
10 shall include community engagement to obtain information and  
11 receive feedback.

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

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

