

HOUSE BILL No. 6285

November 10, 1998, Introduced by Rep. Alley and referred to the Committee on Conservation, Environment and Recreation.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 8807 (MCL 324.8807), as added by 1998 PA 287, and by adding section 8807a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 8807. (1) The clean water fund is created within the
2 state treasury.

3 (2) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets
4 from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer
5 shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer
6 shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund
7 investments.

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

1 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
2 department shall expend money in the fund ~~, upon appropriation,~~
3 ~~for any of the following~~ AS FOLLOWS:

4 (a) ~~To implement the programs described in the department's~~
5 ~~document entitled "A strategic environmental quality monitoring~~
6 ~~program for Michigan's surface waters", dated January 1997. In~~
7 ~~implementing these programs, the department may contract with any~~
8 ~~person.~~ UP TO \$20,000,000.00 FOR WATER QUALITY MONITORING, WITH
9 50% OF THE FUNDING BEING MADE AVAILABLE IN GRANTS TO LOCAL UNITS
10 OF GOVERNMENT OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE MONITORING PROPOS-
11 ALS ARE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. PRIORITY FOR MONITORING PRO-
12 POSALS SHALL BE GIVEN TO DETERMINING THE SOURCE AND NATURE OF
13 WATER QUALITY IMPAIRMENTS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE ALL MONI-
14 TORING INFORMATION COLLECTED USING MONEY EXPENDED UNDER THIS SUB-
15 DIVISION, AFTER QUALITY ASSURANCE, ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC BOTH
16 ELECTRONICALLY AND IN PAPER FORMAT.

17 (b) ~~Water pollution control activities.~~ UP TO
18 \$30,000,000.00 FOR LOW-INTEREST LOANS FOR STORMWATER POLLUTION
19 PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROJECTS FOR IMPAIRED OR THREATENED
20 WATERS, WITH THE PRIORITY BEING GIVEN TO PROJECTS AFFECTING
21 WATERS WITH THE GREATEST USE IMPAIRMENT.

22 (c) ~~Wellhead protection activities.~~ UP TO \$20,000,000.00
23 FOR A "CLEAN LAKES PROGRAM". FUNDS FROM THE CLEAN LAKES PROGRAM
24 SHALL BE EXPENDED TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT INLAND LAKE WATERSHED
25 MANAGEMENT PLANS THAT REDUCE AND PREVENT POLLUTION FROM NUTRI-
26 ENTS, PESTICIDES, EROSION, AND OTHER NONPOINT SOURCES. THE

1 DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE GRANTS FOR THIS PURPOSE TO LOCAL UNITS OF
2 GOVERNMENT, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OR LAKE ASSOCIATIONS.

3 (d) ~~Storm water treatment projects and activities.~~ UP TO
4 \$10,000,000.00 FOR AN "INNOVATIVE WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION AND
5 CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM". THE DEPARTMENT
6 SHALL PROVIDE GRANTS OR LOANS UNDER THIS PROGRAM TO MUNICIPALI-
7 TIES FOR THE DEMONSTRATION OF COST-EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVES TO TRA-
8 DITIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES.

9 (E) UP TO \$10,000,000.00 FOR CLOSING ABANDONED WELLS WITH
10 PRIORITY GIVEN TO WELLS IN WELLHEAD PROTECTION AREAS WHOSE CLO-
11 SURE IS INCLUDED IN APPROVED WELLHEAD PROTECTION PLANS.

12 (F) UP TO \$5,000,000.00 FOR THE EXTENSION OF MUNICIPAL SEWER
13 SYSTEMS TO REPLACE SEPTIC TANKS IN AREAS WHERE CLUSTERS OF FAIL-
14 ING TANKS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO CONTRIBUTE TO WATER QUALITY
15 IMPAIRMENTS, PROVIDED THAT THE AREAS TO RECEIVE SEWER EXTENSIONS
16 ARE ALREADY INTENSIVELY DEVELOPED.

17 (5) Money in the fund shall not be expended for combined
18 sewer overflow corrections.

19 ~~(6) The first priority for expenditure of money in the fund~~
20 ~~shall be for the programs described in subsection (4)(a).~~

21 (6) ~~(7)~~ Money in the fund shall not be expended until
22 rules are promulgated under section 8808.