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**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 462**

(As Passed the Senate October 5, 1999)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 2521; and to repeal  
acts and parts of acts.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1        SEC. 2521. (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, IN  
2 CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SHALL BIEN-  
3 NIALY PREPARE A REPORT THAT ASSESSES THE STATUS OF AND TRENDS  
4 RELATED TO THE OVERALL STATE OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN  
5 MICHIGAN. THE REPORT SHALL BE BASED UPON ENVIRONMENTAL INDICAT-  
6 ORS IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND  
7 NATURAL RESOURCES AND UPON DATA OBTAINED THROUGH SOUND SCIENTIFIC  
8 METHODOLOGIES AND PROCESSES. THE REPORT SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO  
9 THE GOVERNOR, TO THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATURE WITH  
10 JURISDICTION OVER ISSUES PRIMARILY RELATED TO NATURAL RESOURCES

1 AND THE ENVIRONMENT, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS  
2 SUBCOMMITTEES ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND NATURAL RESOURCES.  
3 THE FIRST REPORT SHALL BE SUBMITTED NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 1,  
4 2001, AND SUBSEQUENT REPORTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED NOT LATER THAN  
5 OCTOBER 1 EVERY OTHER YEAR. THE REPORTS SHALL ALSO BE MADE  
6 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ELECTRONICALLY AND, UPON REQUEST, IN  
7 PAPER FORMAT.

8 (2) THE DEPARTMENTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND NATURAL  
9 RESOURCES SHALL MONITOR EFFORTS UNDERGOING IN OTHER STATES AND  
10 NATIONALLY TO ESTABLISH UNIFORMITY AMONG ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS  
11 THAT MIGHT BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE REPORT.

12 (3) ALL STATE AGENCIES SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE DEPARTMENTS  
13 OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND NATURAL RESOURCES IN CARRYING OUT  
14 THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS SECTION.

15 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATOR" MEANS  
16 A MEASURE OF THE STATE OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT THAT CAN BE  
17 DERIVED FROM EMPIRICAL DATA. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE THE MOST  
RECENT DATA AVAILABLE. IF RELEVANT DATA IS NOT AVAILABLE, THE  
DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE IN THE REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GATH-  
ERING DATA IN THE FUTURE.

18 (5) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2005.