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Introduced by Rep. Birkholz

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4719

AN ACT to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to provide for an appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," by amending section 12541 (MCL 333.12541).

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 12541. (1) The local health officer or an authorized representative of the local health department having jurisdiction may test and otherwise evaluate the quality of water at bathing beaches to determine whether the water is safe for bathing purposes. However, the local health officer or authorized representative shall notify the city, village, or township in which the bathing beach is located prior to conducting the test or evaluation.

(2) If a local health officer or an authorized representative of a local health department conducts a test or evaluation of a bathing beach under subsection (1), within 36 hours of conducting the test or evaluation, he or she shall notify the department, the city, village, or township in which the bathing beach is located, and the owner of the bathing beach of the results of the test or evaluation.

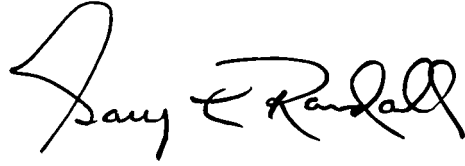
(3) The owner of the bathing beach shall post at the main entrance to the bathing beach or other visible location a sign that states whether or not the bathing beach has been tested or evaluated under subsection (1) and, if the bathing beach has been tested, the location of where test results may be reviewed. Open stretches of beach or beaches at road ends that are not advertised or posted as public bathing beaches do not need to have signs posted.

(4) If a local health officer or authorized representative of the local health department conducts a test or evaluation under subsection (1) and, based upon the standards promulgated under section 12544, the health officer or the authorized representative determines that the water is unsafe for bathing, he or she may petition the circuit court of the county in which the bathing beach is located for an injunction ordering the person owning or operating the bathing beach to close the bathing beach for use by bathers or ordering other measures to keep persons from entering on the bathing beach. Upon receipt of a petition under this subsection, the court may grant an injunction if circumstances warrant it.

(5) As used in this section:

(a) "Bathing beach" means a beach or bathing area offered to the public for recreational bathing or swimming. It does not include a public swimming pool as defined in section 12521.

(b) "Department" means the department of environmental quality.



Clerk of the House of Representatives.



Secretary of the Senate.

Approved

Governor.