

HOUSE BILL No. 5651

March 16, 2004, Introduced by Reps. Gillard, Accavitti, Byrum, Brown, Tobocman, Bieda, Lipsey, Hood, Vagnozzi, Meisner, McConico, Hopgood, Smith, Law, Dennis, Kolb, Farrah, Plakas, Woodward and Gleason and referred to the Committee on Conservation 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 61005.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 61005. (1) Immediately following the effective date of
2 the amendatory act that added this section, the department shall
3 enter into discussions with all federal agencies that hold
4 subsurface oil and gas rights on state land within the Mason
5 tract management area, the Sand lakes quiet area, the Pigeon
6 river country management area, and the Jordan river valley
7 management area. The department shall attempt to exchange with
8 the federal agencies the subsurface oil and gas rights held by
9 the state on federal lands for the subsurface oil and gas rights
10 the federal agencies hold on these state lands.

11 (2) As used in this section:

1 (a) "Federal land" means land the surface rights to which are
2 held by the federal government or an agency of the federal
3 government.

4 (b) "State land" means land the surface rights to which are
5 held by the department.