

SENATE BILL NO. 462

March 23, 1999, Introduced by Senators SIKKEMA and YOUNG and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

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

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 2521. (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
2 SHALL ANNUALLY PREPARE A REPORT THAT ASSESSES THE STATUS OF AND
3 TRENDS RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE
4 STATE. THE REPORT SHALL BE BASED ON DATA OBTAINED THROUGH SOUND
5 SCIENTIFIC METHODOLOGIES AND PROCESSES. THE REPORT SHALL BE SUB-
6 MITTED TO THE GOVERNOR, TO THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE LEGIS-
7 LATURE WITH JURISDICTION OVER ISSUES PRIMARILY RELATED TO NATURAL
8 RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE APPRO-
9 PRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND NATURAL
10 RESOURCES. THE FIRST REPORT SHALL BE SUBMITTED NOT LATER THAN
11 MARCH 1, 2000, AND SUBSEQUENT REPORTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED NOT

1 LATER THAN MARCH 1 OF EACH YEAR. THE ANNUAL REPORTS SHALL ALSO
2 BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ELECTRONICALLY AND IN PAPER
3 FORMAT UPON REQUEST.

4 (2) IN PREPARING THE ANNUAL REPORT UNDER SUBSECTION (1), THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SHALL MONITOR EFFORTS UNDER-
6 GOING IN OTHER STATES AND NATIONALLY TO ESTABLISH UNIFORMITY
7 AMONG ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS THAT MIGHT BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE
8 REPORT.