

HOUSE BILL No. 4931

June 15, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Alley, Middaugh, Bartnik, DeMars, Palamara, Giese, DeBeaussaert, Hickner, Gire, Hart, Niederstadt, Gnodtke, Kosteva, Gubow, Brown, Varga, Stupak, Trim, Dolan, Sikkema, Nye, Hillegonds, Stacey, Crandall, Allen, Knight, Muxlow, Runco, Ostling, Bandstra, Power, Strand, Hoekman, Bender, Randall, London, Camp, Bankes, Fitzgerald and Hertel and referred to the Committee on Conservation, Recreation and Environment.

A bill to provide for the reporting of certain spills of hazardous substances; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies; and to provide remedies.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

3 (b) "Environment" means any surface water, groundwater,
4 drinking water supply, land surface, subsurface strata, or ambi-
5 ent air within the state.

6 (c) "Hazardous substance" means a chemical or other material
7 which is or may become injurious to the public health, safety, or
8 welfare or to the environment.

9 (d) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,
10 association, the state, a local unit of government, a political

1 subdivision of a state or local unit of government, or any other
2 legal entity.

3 (e) "Spill" means any sudden, unexpected leaking, pumping,
4 pouring, leaching, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting,
5 escaping, dumping, or disposing that occurs without the approval
6 of the department.

7 Sec. 2. (1) The department shall establish a statewide data
8 base of information related to spills of hazardous substances
9 into the environment.

10 (2) A person shall report to the department each spill of a
11 hazardous substance into the environment. The report shall
12 include all of the following:

13 (a) The cause of the spill.

14 (b) The location of the spill.

15 (c) The type and amount of the hazardous substance involved
16 in the spill.

17 (d) Other relevant information required by the department of
18 natural resources.

19 Sec. 3. A person who fails to report a spill of a hazardous
20 substance into the environment as provided in this act is subject
21 to a civil fine of \$500.00.