## **SENATE BILL No. 151**

February 16, 1989, Introduced by Senators POSTHUMUS, CHERRY and EHLERS and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

A bill to reduce property damages and threat to life from flooding; to control the alteration of floodplains; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to create a fund and provide for its use; and to provide for remedies and prescribe penalties.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
- 2 "flood damage reduction act".
- Sec. 2. For the purposes of this act, the words and phrases
- 4 used in sections 3 to 6 have the meanings ascribed to them in
- 5 those sections.
- Sec. 3. (1) "Alteration" means the placement of structures
- 7 on, the filling of, or the grading of land.
- 8 (2) "Authorized community" means a community that has been
- 9 designated as an authorized community under section 18.

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- 1 (3) "Authorized public agency" means a public agency that
  2 has been designated as an authorized public agency under
  3 section 20.
- 4 (4) "Community" means a county, city, village, township, or 5 any combination of those entities.
- 6 (5) "Critical storm water runoff area" means an area where
  7 storm water studies indicate that increases in storm water runoff
  8 have caused, or are projected to cause, a harmful interference.
- 9 (6) "Department" means the department of natural resources.
- (7) "Emergency operation plan" means a disaster plan devel-11 oped and maintained by a community pursuant to section 10 of the
- 12 emergency preparedness act, Act No. 390 of the Public Acts of
- 13 1976, being section 30.410 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- 14 Sec. 4. (1) "Flood" means a temporary increase in the water 15 level of a lake, watercourse, or other body of water resulting in 16 the inundation of land not normally covered with water.
- 17 (2) "Floodplain" means an area of land adjoining a lake or 18 watercourse which will be inundated by a 100-year flood.
- (3) "Floodplain design standards and procedures" means stan-20 dards and procedures to be utilized for construction in, or the 21 alteration of, a floodplain that will avoid adverse impacts to 22 the floodplains.
- 23 (4) "Floodplain management" means an overall program of pre-24 ventive and corrective flood-related measures within floodplains 25 intended to enhance the quality of life and protect the public's 26 health, safety, and welfare.

- 1 (5) "Floodplain regulations" means zoning ordinances,
- 2 subdivision regulations, building codes, health regulations,
- 3 special purpose ordinances, or other measures adopted by a commu-
- 4 nity to control the occupation or alteration of a floodplain.
- 5 (6) "Floodplain study" means a detailed hydrologic engineer-
- 6 ing study that delineates floodplains on a map based upon flood
- 7 elevation information contained in the study.
- 8 (7) "Flood preparedness planning" means the development of
- 9 those portions of the Michigan emergency preparedness plan and
- 10 emergency operation plans which include mitigation of future
- 11 flood damages, flood recognition and warning, response, flood
- 12 fighting, evacuation and rescue, and recovery.
- 13 (8) "Flood-proofing measures" means any combination of addi-
- 14 tions, changes, or adjustments to a building or structure that
- 15 reduces or eliminates flood damage.
- (9) "Floodway" means the channel of a watercourse and those
- 17 portions of the floodplain which are reasonably likely to carry
- 18 and discharge the 100-year flood.
- (10) "Fund" means the flood damage mitigation fund created
- 20 in section 11.
- 21 Sec. 5. (1) "Harmful interference" means causing an
- 22 increased water level, an increased velocity, or a change in
- 23 direction of flow of a lake or watercourse that causes, or is
- 24 likely to cause, damage to property; a threat to life; a threat
- 25 of personal injury; or pollution, impairment, or destruction of
- 26 water or other natural resources.

- 1 (2) "Lake" means a natural or artificial body of water with 2 a surface area of 5 acres or greater, including the Great Lakes.
- 3 (3) "Michigan emergency preparedness plan" means the plan
- 4 developed and continuously updated pursuant to sections 7(7) and
- 5 8(1) of the emergency preparedness act, Act No. 390 of the Public
- 6 Acts of 1976, being sections 30.407 and 30.408 of the Michigan
- 7 Compiled Laws, for the purpose of the prevention, mitigation, or
- 8 relief of, or recovery from, disaster.
- 9 (4) "Mitigate" means to eliminate or reduce the long-term
- 10 risk to human life, health, and property from flooding.
- (5) "National geodetic vertical datum" means the national
- 12 elevation datum used as a reference in elevation surveys as rec-
- 13 ognized by the national ocean survey of the national oceanic and
- 14 atmospheric administration and formally called the national geo-
- 15 detic vertical datum of 1929.
- 16 (6) "100-year flood" means a flood which has a 1% chance of
- 17 being equaled or exceeded in any given year.
- 18 (7) "Person" means an individual, sole proprietorship, part-
- 19 nership, corporation, association, community, this state, an
- 20 instrumentality or agency of this state, the federal government,
- 21 an instrumentality or agency of the federal government, or any
- 22 other legal entity.
- 23 (8) "Public agency" means the state, a community, or a
- 24 political subdivision of the state or a community.
- 25 (9) "Rule" means a rule promulgated pursuant to the adminis-
- 26 trative procedures act of 1969, Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of

- 1 1969, being sections 24.201 to 24.328 of the Michigan Compiled 2 Laws.
- 3 Sec. 6. (1) "State of disaster" means a declaration by the
- 4 governor pursuant to section 3 of the emergency preparedness act,
- 5 Act No. 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, being section 30.403 of
- 6 the Michigan Compiled Laws, that a disaster has occurred or the
- 7 threat of disaster is imminent due, in part or in whole, to flood
- 8 or wave action.
- 9 (2) "Storm water management" means an overall program of
- 10 preventive and corrective measures for the collection, convey-
- 11 ance, storage, and release of storm water that includes regula-
- 12 tion of site drainage for development, utilization of storage
- 13 areas for storm water purposes, and design, implementation, and
- 14 maintenance of a community storm water system.
- 15 (3) "Storm water runoff" means water resulting from precipi-
- 16 tation, snowmelt, or ice melt that flows across the landscape and
- 17 moves through the network of watercourses, wetlands, drains, or
- 18 lakes that forms a watershed.
- 19 (4) "Storm water study" means a detailed hydrologic engi-
- 20 neering study of a watershed that details the impact of storm
- 21 water runoff on flood stages and discharge relationships of
- 22 receiving waters.
- 23 (5) "Substantial improvement" means any repair, reconstruc-
- 24 tion, or improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or
- 25 exceeds 50% of the market value of the structure either:
- 26 (a) Before the improvement or repair is started.

- (b) If the structure has been damaged, and is being
   restored, before the damage occurred.
- 3 (6) "Watercourse" means an open conduit either naturally or
- 4 artificially created that periodically or continually contains
- 5 moving water.
- 6 (7) "Watershed" means an area of land that contributes
- 7 runoff to a given point in a drainage system.
- 8 Sec. 7. (1) The department is the state agency to cooperate
- 9 and negotiate with the federal government, other state agencies,
- 10 communities, or private agencies on matters concerning flood con-
- 11 trol and floodplain, floodway, and storm water management
- 12 activities. The department may enter into agreements with any of
- 13 these entities or a combination of these entities, or may enter
- 14 into contracts for the purpose of making studies and plans for
- 15 the efficient use, development, preservation, or management of
- 16 the state's floodplains.
- 17 (2) The department may determine the location and extent of
- 18 floodplains, floodways, and critical storm water runoff areas and
- 19 the stage and discharge characteristics of lakes and watercourses
- 20 at various times and circumstances.
- 21 Sec. 8. The department shall do all of the following:
- 22 (a) Create a technical reference center with information on
- 23 the state's floodplains and critical storm water runoff areas.
- 24 (b) Develop an information dissemination and education pro-
- 25 gram to provide information about flood hazards, floodplain man-
- 26 agement, and storm water management.

- (c) Prepare a guidebook for flood preparedness planning.
- 2 (d) Prepare a guidebook for floodplain regulations and storm
- 3 water management programs.
- 4 (e) Prepare a guidebook for floodplain studies and storm
- 5 water studies.
- 6 (f) Prepare a guidebook and outline procedures for estab-
- 7 lishing floodplain design standards for use by authorized public
- 8 agencies.
- 9 (g) Assist communities in the preparation of floodplain reg-
- 10 ulations and storm water management programs.
- (h) Review, for approval, floodplain and storm water studies
- 12 completed by federal, state, community, or private agencies.
- (i) Prepare a standardized permit application form for
- 14 floodplain alterations for use by the department and authorized
- 15 communities.
- (j) Prepare a priority list for determining the order in
- 17 which floodplain studies and storm water studies shall be com-
- 18 pleted by federal or state agencies. This list shall be reviewed
- 19 and updated annually.
- Sec. 9. Consistent with the Michigan emergency preparedness
- 21 plan created under the emergency preparedness act, Act No. 390 of
- 22 the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 30.401 to 30.420 of the
- 23 Michigan Compiled Laws, the department shall cooperate in
- 24 disaster planning and preparedness activities and shall do both
- 25 of the following:

- (a) Participate in the integration of the flood damage
   reduction resources of the department into the Michigan emergency
   preparedness plan.
- 4 (b) Participate in the integration of the flood damage
  5 reduction resources of communities and available private flood
  6 damage reduction resources into the emergency operation plans of
  7 communities.
- Sec. 10. In case of actual disasters and disaster training drills and exercises, the department shall provide flood damage reduction resources pursuant to the Michigan emergency preparedness plan, or as prescribed by the director of emergency services pursuant to the emergency preparedness act, Act No. 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 30.401 to 30.420 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- 15 Sec. 11. (1) The flood damage mitigation fund is created in 16 the state treasury. The fund shall consist of appropriations by 17 the legislature, as provided by law, permit fees established in 18 section 14(2), and any gifts and donations to the fund.
- (2) The amount accumulated in the fund shall not exceed 20 \$1,000,000.00, exclusive of interest and earnings. Any amount of 21 money that would be a part of the fund but for the limitation 22 stated in this subsection shall be deposited into the general 23 fund.
- 24 (3) The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the
  25 fund. Interest and earnings shall be credited to the fund.

- 1 (4) The unencumbered balance remaining in the fund at the 2 close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not
- 3 revert to the general fund.
- 4 (5) Money in the fund shall be expended by the department in ;
- 5 the form of grants or a 3% subsidy on a loan from any public
- 6 lending institution to individuals for flood-proofing measures in
- 7 areas declared to be in a state of disaster. A grant under this
- 8 section shall not exceed 50% of the eligible cost of the
- 9 flood-proofing measures or \$5,000.00, whichever is less. An
- 10 interest subsidy on a loan under this section shall be applied to
- 11 the loan principal in the form of a discounted lump-sum payment
- 12 based on the first \$25,000.00 of eligible costs of the
- 13 flood-proofing measures. Applications for interest subsidies
- 14 that are determined by the department to be complete shall be
- 15 processed in the order in which they are received by the
- 16 department. The department shall administer grants and loan sub-
- 17 sidies under this section in consultation with the department of
- 18 state police.
- 19 (6) Applications for grants or interest subsidies under this
- 20 section shall be postmarked not more than 90 days after the date
- 21 of the declaration of a state of disaster. The application shall
- 22 be in a form required by the department and shall include all of
- 23 the following:
- 24 (a) An estimate and description of damage caused by the
- 25 flood.

- (b) Certification by a licensed engineer or surveyor to the
   2 elevation of the floors of the existing building at national
   3 geodetic vertical datum.
- 4 (c) An estimate of cost to elevate or flood proof the build-5 ing to a minimum of 1 foot above the 100-year flood elevation.
- 6 (7) Installation of seawalls or dikes, landscaping, and
  7 backfilling of property are not eligible for grants or interest
  8 subsidies under this section.
- 9 (8) A payment from the fund may be made upon the certifica10 tion by a licensed professional engineer or architect or building
  11 inspector that not less than 80% of the eligible work has been
  12 completed and a complete application has been approved by the
  13 department.
- 14 (9) If money in the fund is insufficient to meet the needs
  15 of a flood disaster, the director, in consultation with the
  16 department of state police, shall request a supplemental appro17 priation for an area that has been declared to be in a state of
  18 disaster.
- 19 Sec. 12. (1) A person shall not cause the alteration of a 20 floodplain unless he or she is in possession of a permit from the 21 department or an authorized community under this act or is exempt 22 from needing a permit under this act.
- (2) A permit for an alteration of a floodplain shall not be
  24 issued for either of the following:
- 25 (a) A proposed alteration for the construction of a resi26 dence, the substantial improvement of a residence, or the
  27 renovation of a structure into a residence in a floodway.

- 1 (b) A proposed alteration for the disposal or storage within
  2 a floodplain of certain highly volatile, toxic, or water reactive
  3 materials as defined by rules promulgated by the department.
- 4 (3) A permit for the alteration of a floodplain may be
  5 issued under this act if both of the following conditions are
  6 met:
- 7 (a) The proposed alteration, acting alone or in combination 8 with existing or future similar works, is not likely to cause 9 harmful interference.
- (b) The proposed alteration uses construction methods and 11 materials that minimize flood damage and any buildings in the 12 affected floodplain are constructed so that the lowest portion of 13 all horizontal structural members supporting floors are elevated 14 above the 100-year flood elevation. All basement floor surfaces 15 shall be located at or above the 100-year flood elevation.

  16 Nonresidential buildings shall be elevated or flood-proofed to or 17 above the 100-year flood elevation.
- 18 Sec. 13. A permit shall not be required under this act for
  19 any of the following:
- 20 (a) The tilling of land for an agricultural use.
- 21 (b) A flood control project authorized by a federal agency.
- (c) An improvement to, or maintenance of, an existing county
- 23 or intercounty drain under the drain code of 1956, Act No. 40 of
- 24 the Public Acts of 1956, being sections 280.1 to 280.630 of the
- 25 Michigan Compiled Laws.
- 26 (d) A floodplain alteration by an authorized public agency.

- (e) Stream crossings for logging purposes that are permitted
- 2 by the department under the inland lakes and streams act of 1972,
- 3 Act No. 346 of the Public Acts of 1972, being sections 281.951 to
- 4 281.965 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- 5 Sec. 14. (1) The application for a permit issued under this
- 6 act shall be on a form prescribed or approved by the department
- 7 and shall include information that may be required by the depart-
- 8 ment or an authorized community to assess the proposed
- 9 alteration's impact on the floodplain. If an alteration includes
- 10 activities at multiple locations in a floodplain, 1 application
- 11 may be filed for combined activities.
- 12 (2) An application for a permit issued by the department
- 13 shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50.00 that shall be credited to
- 14 the flood damage mitigation fund. An application for a permit
- 15 that is submitted by a governmental unit created by law shall not
- 16 be required to be accompanied by a fee.
- 17 (3) An application for a permit issued by an authorized com-
- 18 munity shall be accompanied by a fee based on the authorized
- 19 community's administrative costs as determined by the authorized
- 20 community. This fee may be retained by the authorized
- 21 community.
- 22 Sec. 15. (1) Upon receiving an application for a permit for
- 23 the alteration of a floodplain, the department shall submit
- 24 copies of the application to the following persons for review:
- 25 (a) The director of public health or the local health
- 26 department designated by the director of public health.

- 1 (b) The city, village or township, and the county where the 2 project is to be located.
- 3 (c) The local soil conservation district where the project 4 is to be located.
- 5 (d) The county drain commissioner, or the person or persons 6 designated to perform the responsibilities related to county
- 7 drains in the county where the project is to be located.
- 8 (e) The local watershed council organized under the local
- 9 river management act, Act No. 253 of the Public Acts of 1964,
- 10 being sections 323.301 to 323.320 of the Michigan Compiled Laws,
- II if one exists where the project is proposed to be located.
- (f) Adjacent property owners.
- 13 (2) The application for a permit for the alteration of a
- 14 floodplain issued by the department shall contain a notice that,
- 15 unless a written objection from a person receiving a copy of the
- 16 application under subsection (1) is filed with the department
- 17 within 20 days after mailing the notice for review, the depart-
- 18 ment may grant the application. The department shall review all
- 19 written objections received under this subsection and shall
- 20 attempt to resolve these objections prior to issuing a permit.
- 21 The department may hold a public meeting to try to resolve the
- 22 objections that have been raised.
- Sec. 16. The department, by rule, may establish minor
- 24 project categories of activities and projects that are similar in
- 25 nature and have a minimal potential for causing harmful
- 26 interference. The department may act upon an application
- 27 received for a minor project without providing public notice.

- 1 Sec. 17. The department shall determine whether floodplain
- 2 mapping in a community is sufficient to allow the community to
- 3 apply for designation as an authorized community. A map of the
- 4 floodplain area within a community shall be sent to the community
- 5 with a letter of notification that outlines the powers, duties,
- 6 and responsibilities of an authorized community.
- 7 Sec. 18. (1) A community may apply for designation as an
- 8 authorized community after notification by the department under
- 9 section 17 if it does all of the following:
- (a) Prepares floodplain regulations that meet or exceed
- 11 rules for floodplain management standards promulgated under this
- 12 act, and submits them to the department for review.
- (b) Agrees to maintain a file of all floodplain permits with
- 14 certifications indicating that the project was built in accord-
- 15 ance with approved plans and indicating the elevation at national
- 16 geodetic vertical datum to which a structure has been elevated or
- 17 flood-proofed. This file shall be made available to the depart-
- 18 ment on demand.
- (c) Agrees to make available or post in a prominent public
- 20 location, a map depicting the limits of the floodplain within the
- 21 community.
- 22 (d) Agrees to perform the public notice requirements in the
- 23 manner set forth in section 15, and agrees to notify the depart-
- 24 ment, at least 20 days before taking final action on an applica-
- 25 tion for a floodplain alteration permit.
- 26 (2) The department shall review and either approve, reject,
- 27 or return for correction a community's application for

- 1 designation as an authorized community submitted under this
- 2 section not later than 90 days after receipt by the department.
- 3 If the department does not act within this 90-day period, the
- 4 community's authorization shall be considered approved.
- 5 (3) If a community is designated as an authorized community
- 6 under this section, the department shall delegate to the autho-
- 7 rized community the authority to review and approve or reject
- 8 floodplain alteration permits and to administer and enforce
- 9 floodplain regulations within the community's jurisdiction.
- 10 Sec. 19. An authorized community's assessing officers shall
- 11 make appropriate allowance in assessed valuation for any loss of
- 12 value resulting from regulation of land in floodplain areas as
- 13 provided under the general property tax act, Act No. 206 of the
- 14 Public Acts of 1893, being sections 211.1 to 211.157 of the
- 15 Michigan Compiled Laws.
- 16 Sec. 20. (1) A public agency that is responsible for
- 17 designing and constructing public facilities that may be located
- 18 within a floodplain may apply to the department for designation
- 19 as an authorized public agency by submitting to the department
- 20 floodplain design standards and procedures that equal or exceed
- 21 the requirements of this act and rules promulgated under this
- 22 act.
- 23 (2) The department shall review and either approve or
- 24 reject, or return for correction, the floodplain design standards

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- 25 and procedures submitted under subsection (1) not later than 90
- 26 days after it receives them. If the department does not act

- 1 within this 90-day period, the floodplain design standards and
  2 procedures shall be considered approved.
- 3 (3) If a public agency's floodplain design standards and 4 procedures are approved under this section, it shall be desig-5 nated as an authorized public agency and it may conduct flood-
- 6 plain alterations without a permit from the department or an
- 7 authorized community.
- 8 Sec. 21. An authorized public agency shall give public
- 9 notice in the manner required under section 15 and shall notify
- 10 the department of the authorized public agency's decision to
- II alter or occupy a floodplain, with a certification that the
- 12 alteration is in accordance with the authorized public agency's
- 13 floodplain design standards and procedures. The notification
- 14 shall indicate the extent of work to be done in the floodplain
- 15 and shall be transmitted to the department at least 20 days
- 16 before the initiation of the alteration.
- 17 Sec. 22. (1) The department shall periodically monitor an
- 18 authorized community's or authorized public agency's administra-
- 19 tion of its programs to ensure compliance with the requirements
- 20 of this act.
- 21 (2) The department may revoke an authorized community's
- 22 authorization or an authorized public agency's authorization upon
- 23 a determination by the department that the floodplain regulations
- 24 or floodplain design standards and procedures have not been
- 25 administered or enforced in accordance with this act. The revo-
- 26 cation shall become effective 31 days after the date the
- 27 authorized community or authorized public agency receives written

- 1 notice of the revocation. The revocation shall specify the facts
- 2 and conduct warranting the action and shall become effective
- 3 unless 1 or more of the following occur:
- 4 (a) Within 30 days after receiving notice of the revocation,
- 5 the authorized public agency or the authorized community, which-
- 6 ever is applicable, is able to satisfactorily demonstrate to the
- 7 department either of the following:
- 8 (i) The alleged violations did not in fact occur.
- 9 (ii) The alleged violations were accidental and the autho-
- 10 rized public agency or the authorized community, whichever is
- 11 applicable, has been operating in compliance with the floodplain
- 12 regulations or floodplain design standards and procedures, is
- 13 promoting floodplain management, and is able to provide satisfac-
- 14 tory assurances that corrective measures have been taken and
- 15 future operation shall be in full compliance with the floodplain
- 16 regulations or floodplain design standards and procedures.
- (b) Within the 30 days after receiving notice of the revoca-
- 18 tion, the authorized community or authorized public agency
- 19 requests that a public hearing be held to present oral and writ-
- 20 ten evidence concerning the proposed revocation. The conduct of
- 21 this hearing and the procedures for making a final decision
- 22 revoking a community's or public agency's authorization shall be
- 23 pursuant to procedures described in the administrative procedures
- 24 act of 1969, Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being sec-
- 25 tions 24.201 to 24.328 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- 26 Sec. 23. Any action taken by the department, an authorized
- 27 community, or an authorized public agency shall not unreasonably

- 1 impair the public trust and environmental values in the adjacent
- 2 waters and shall not be in conflict with the provisions of other
- 3 state or community regulations including, but not limited to,
- 4 those established under:
- 5 (a) Act No. 245 of the Public Acts of 1929, being sections
- 6 323.1 to 323.13 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- 7 (b) The Thomas J. Anderson, Gordon Rockwell environmental
- 8 protection act of 1970, Act No. 127 of the Public Acts of 1970,
- 9 being sections 691.1201 to 691.1207 of the Michigan Compiled
- 10 Laws.
- (c) The natural river act of 1970, Act No. 231 of the Public
- 12 Acts of 1970, being sections 281.761 to 281.776 of the Michigan
- 13 Compiled Laws.
- 14 (d) The inland lakes and streams act of 1972, Act No. 346 of
- 15 the Public Acts of 1972, being sections 281.951 to 281.965 of the
- 16 Michigan Compiled Laws.
- (e) The soil erosion and sedimentation control act of 1972,
- 18 Act No. 347 of the Public Acts of 1972, being sections 282.101 to
- 19 282.125 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- 20 (f) The shorelands protection and management act of 1970,
- 21 Act No. 245 of the Public Acts of 1970, being sections 281.631 to
- 22 281.644 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- 23 (g) The Goemaere-Anderson wetland protection act, Act
- 24 No. 203 of the Public Acts of 1979, being sections 281.701 to
- 25 281.722 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- 26 Sec. 24. (1) After completion or approval of a storm water
- 27 study, the department shall determine if a critical storm water

- I runoff area should be designated. If a critical storm water
- 2 runoff area is designated, the department shall notify the
- 3 affected communities in each critical storm water runoff area. A
- 4 map of the appropriate critical storm water runoff area shall be
- 5 sent with the letter of notification which outlines the recommen-
- 6 dations for managing the area. A public meeting shall be held
- 7 within the critical storm water runoff area to hear comments con-
- 8 cerning the study results. A period of 90 days will be given
- 9 after the public meeting for the communities to appeal the
- 10 results of the study to the department.
- (2) Upon notification by the department under subsection (1)
- 12 that a community is in a critical storm water runoff area, the
- 13 community may adopt, administer, and enforce a storm water man-
- 14 agement program within its jurisdiction. The community shall
- 15 submit its program to the department for informational purposes.
- 16 (3) In designated critical storm water runoff areas, the
- 17 department shall preserve water storage in floodplains and in
- 18 wetlands, if the wetlands are regulated under the
- 19 Goemaere-Anderson wetland protection act, Act No. 203 of the
- 20 Public Acts of 1979, being sections 281.701 to 281.722 of the
- 21 Michigan Compiled Laws.
- 22 Sec. 25. (1) Communities shall cooperate with the depart-
- 23 ment and federal agencies in evaluating flooding potential and
- 24 identifying floodplains within their jurisdiction.
- 25 (2) Communities may also develop and implement a comprehen-
- 26 sive flood damage reduction program. The program shall
- 27 complement local floodplain regulations and storm water

- 1 management programs and are encouraged to do all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) Promote public education concerning local flood hazards
- 4 and flood preparedness planning and publicize the limits of the
- 5 floodplain and critical storm water runoff areas.
- 6 (b) Discourage the placement of public facilities and utili-
- 7 ties in locations, where the placement would encourage the devel-
- 8 opment of floodplains.
- 9 (c) Preserve publicly-owned floodplains and wetlands and
- 10 provide for the acquisition of floodplains, wetlands, and storm
- 11 water storage areas.
- (d) Insure that community development goals, plans, and pro-
- 13 posed capital improvements, including flood control works, are
- 14 consistent with this act.
- 15 Sec. 26. The department or an agent of the department may
- 16 enter, at any reasonable time, upon proper identification,
- 17 notice, and request, in or upon any private or public property
- 18 for the purpose of inspecting and investigating conditions relat-
- 19 ing to flooding potential and the alteration of floodplains.
- 20 Sec. 27. Prior to the sale by the state or an authorized
- 21 community of any real property containing a floodplain, the state
- 22 or the authorized community shall notify the purchaser, in writ-
- 23 ing, of the existence of the floodplain and that the real prop-
- 24 erty may be subject to certain restrictions under this act.
- 25 Sec. 28. The department shall promulgate rules necessary to
- 26 implement this act.

- 1 Sec. 29. A person may file an appeal or complaint with the
- 2 department contesting either of the following:
- 3 (a) An authorized community's administration and enforcement
- 4 of community floodplain regulations or an authorized public
- 5 agency's adherence to floodplain design standards and procedures
- 6 charging noncompliance with the objectives and provisions of this
- 7 act and rules promulgated under this act.
- 8 (b) The issuance of a permit to allow the alteration of a
- 9 floodplain by the department or an authorized community within 30
- 10 days after the action on the permit.
- 11 Sec. 30. (1) A person who alters or allows the alteration
- 12 of a floodplain in violation of this act is guilty of a misde-
- 13 meanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,500.00 for each
- 14 occurrence.
- 15 (2) A person who willfully or recklessly violates a condi-
- 16 tion of a permit issued under this act is guilty of a misdemean-
- 17 or, punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,500.00 per day.
- 18 Sec. 31. (1) The department may, in conjunction with the
- 19 department of attorney general, bring any appropriate action in
- 20 the name of the people of the state of Michigan to implement or
- 21 enforce this act.
- 22 (2) The state, a community, or any other person may bring an
- 23 action in a court of proper jurisdiction to restrain or prevent
- 24 any violation or continuation of a violation of this act, rules
- 25 promulgated under this act, or a local floodplain regulation
- 26 adopted and approved pursuant to this act.

- 1 Sec. 32. This act shall not take effect unless Senate Bill
- 2 No. 152 of the
- 3 85th Legislature is enacted into law.