

HOUSE BILL No. 6550

September 20, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Kolb and Tobocman and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Great Lakes, Land Use, and Environment.

A bill to amend 1945 PA 281, entitled

"An act to provide for regional planning; the creation, organization, powers and duties of regional planning commissions; the provision of funds for the use of regional planning commissions; and the supervision of the activities of regional planning commissions under the provisions of this act,"

by amending the title and section 1 (MCL 125.11) and by adding section 26.

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TITLE

An act to provide for regional planning; **TO PROVIDE FOR** the creation, organization, powers and duties of regional planning commissions **AND A STATE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING SUPPORT;** ~~the provision of~~ **TO PROVIDE FOR** funds for the use of regional planning commissions; and **TO PROVIDE FOR** the supervision of the activities

1 of regional planning commissions. ~~under the provisions of this~~
 2 ~~act.~~

3 Sec. 1. ~~For the purpose of this act certain terms are defined~~
 4 ~~as provided in this section. Wherever appropriate the singular~~
 5 ~~includes the plural and the plural includes the singular. The terms~~
 6 ~~"local"~~ **AS USED IN THIS ACT:**

7 (A) **"DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL**
 8 **QUALITY.**

9 (B) **"LOCAL governmental units" or "local units" shall include**
 10 **INCLUDES** cities, villages, other incorporated political
 11 subdivisions, counties, school districts, special authorities,
 12 townships, or any legally constituted governing body responsible
 13 for the exercise of governmental functions within a political
 14 subdivision of the state.

15 (C) **"OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING SUPPORT" OR "PZS" MEANS THE**
 16 **OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING SUPPORT CREATED IN SECTION 26.**

17 **SEC. 26. (1) THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING SUPPORT IS**
 18 **CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

19 (2) **THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING SUPPORT SHALL DO ALL OF**
 20 **THE FOLLOWING:**

21 (A) **PROVIDE SUPPORT, RESOURCES, AND GUIDANCE TO THE PUBLIC,**
 22 **INCLUDING LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS, CITIZENS, DEVELOPERS, AND OTHER**
 23 **INTERESTED PARTIES, ON LAND USE, ZONING, AND PLANNING IN AN**
 24 **ACCESSIBLE AND CENTRAL FORUM.**

25 (B) **SERVE AS AN INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE AND COORDINATE WITH**
 26 **OTHER STATE AND NATIONAL AGENCIES ENGAGED IN ZONING AND PLANNING**
 27 **ACTIVITIES IN PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, TRAINING**

1 OPPORTUNITIES, SEMINARS, AND OTHER SUPPORTS.

2 (C) MAINTAIN A WEBSITE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE WITH
3 INFORMATION, LINKS, AND OTHER RELEVANT MATERIALS PERTINENT TO PZS'S
4 MISSION.

5 (D) INTERACT WITH NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL OFFICIALS TO
6 EDUCATE ABOUT THE NEED FOR AND ADVOCATE FOR GRANTS AND FUNDING TO
7 SUPPORT PZS'S MISSION.

8 (3) TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE, MATERIALS PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC
9 BY PZS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES SHALL BE PROVIDED FREE OR
10 AT COST.