

# SENATE BILL No. 501

May 15, 2007, Introduced by Senators BIRKHOLZ, GILBERT, VAN WOERKOM, JELINEK, BROWN, BARCIA, KUIPERS, PATTERSON, CROSEY and STAMAS and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding part 86.

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PART 86. AGRICULTURE

SEC. 8601. AS USED IN THIS PART, "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

SEC. 8603. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE A BOOKLET  
IDENTIFYING ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND RULES THAT ARE OF PARTICULAR  
SIGNIFICANCE FOR FARMS AND FARM OPERATIONS. BEGINNING JANUARY 1,  
2008, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF THE BOOKLET FREE OF

1 CHARGE UPON REQUEST AND SHALL POST THE BOOKLET ON ITS WEBSITE.

2 (2) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHALL  
3 WORK COOPERATIVELY TO DEVELOP REASONABLE APPROACHES TO MEETING THE  
4 REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAWS IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1).