

HOUSE BILL No. 6153

June 12, 2018, Introduced by Reps. Rendon and Allor and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 702 (MCL 324.702), as added by 1995 PA 60; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 702. The department shall do all of the following:

2 ~~— (a) Administer a grant and loan program pursuant to sections~~
3 ~~704 and 705.~~

4 **(A)** ~~(b)~~ Provide advice and recommendations to the legislature,
5 the governor, and executive departments ~~in order~~ to promote the
6 development of the forestry and forest products industry and the
7 mineral extraction and utilization industry in this state.

8 **(B)** ~~(c)~~ Develop programs and coordinate existing and proposed

1 programs to encourage innovative and competitively viable economic
2 development of forest and mineral related ~~industry~~. **INDUSTRIES.**

3 ~~—— (d) Stimulate and encourage the forestry and forest products~~
4 ~~industry and the mineral extraction and utilization industry~~
5 ~~through grants and loans made under this part.~~

6 **(C)** ~~(e)~~—Review existing laws and regulations pertaining to
7 forestry and the mineral industry and develop proposals for new
8 laws or changes in existing law to improve this state's forest and
9 mineral resource development as considered appropriate by the
10 department.

11 **(D)** ~~(f)~~—Promote and provide for educational programs for the
12 general public and members of local government to increase
13 awareness of the importance of the forestry and forest products
14 industry and the mineral industry to this state.

15 **(E)** ~~(g)~~—Consult with representatives of science, industry,
16 labor, government, and other groups and utilize the services of
17 public and private organizations, including colleges and
18 universities, as the department considers necessary or helpful **IN**

19 **THE DISCHARGE OF ITS DUTIES UNDER SUBDIVISIONS (A) TO (D).**

20 Enacting section 1. Sections 701, 703, 704, and 705 of the
21 natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451,
22 MCL 324.701, 324.703, 324.704, and 324.705, are repealed.

23 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
24 after the date it is enacted into law.