[No. 254]

(HB 5418)

AN ACT to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge of certain substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, and assessments; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending section 20140 (MCL 324.20140), as amended by 1995 PA 71.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

324.20140 Limitation periods; effect of subsection (3). [M.S.A. 13A.20140]

Sec. 20140. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3), the limitation period for filing actions under this part is as follows:

- (a) For the recovery of response activity costs and natural resources damages pursuant to section 20126a(1)(a), (b), or (c), within 6 years of initiation of physical on-site construction activities for the remedial action selected or approved by the department at a facility, except as provided in subdivision (b).
- (b) For 1 or more subsequent actions for recovery of response activity costs pursuant to section 20126, at any time during the response activity, if commenced not later than 3 years after the date of completion of all response activity at the facility.
- (c) For civil fines under this part, within 3 years after discovery of the violation for which the civil fines are assessed.
- (2) For recovery of natural resources damages that accrued prior to July 1, 1991, the limitation period for filing actions under this part is July 1, 1994.
- (3) For recovery of response activity costs that were incurred prior to July 1, 1991, the limitation period for filing actions under this part is July 1, 1994.
- (4) Subsection (3) is curative and intended to clarify the original intent of the legislature and applies retroactively.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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