



SENATE BILL No. 16

January 13, 1993, Introduced by Senators EHLERS, WARTNER
and EMMONS and referred to the Committee on Natural
Resources and Environmental Affairs.

A bill to create the office of waste reduction within the
department of natural resources; and to prescribe the powers and
duties of certain state agencies and officials.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "waste minimization act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

5 (b) "Director" means the director of the department.

6 (c) "Office" means the office of waste reduction created in
7 section 3.

8 (d) "Waste" means hazardous waste as defined in section 4 of
9 the hazardous waste management act, Act No. 64 of the Public Acts

10 of 1979, being section 299.504 of the Michigan Compiled Laws;

11 solid waste as defined in section 7 of the solid waste management

1 act, Act No. 641 of the Public Acts of 1978, being section
2 299.407 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; liquid industrial waste as
3 defined in section 1 of Act No. 136 of the Public Acts of 1969,
4 being section 323.271 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; discharges
5 regulated by Act No. 245 of the Public Acts of 1929, being sec-
6 tions 323.1 to 323.12a of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and air
7 contaminants regulated by the air pollution act, Act No. 348 of
8 the Public Acts of 1965, being sections 336.11 to 336.36 of the
9 Michigan Compiled Laws.

10 (e) "Waste reduction" means any practice, such as an equip-
11 ment or technology modification, a process or procedure modifica-
12 tion, a reformulation or redesign of a product, a substitution of
13 raw materials, or improved management, training, or inventory
14 control, which is undertaken by a person to reduce the volume or
15 quantity or toxicity of waste which may be released into the
16 environment or which is treated at a location other than the
17 location where it is produced.

18 Sec. 3. (1) The office of waste reduction is created within
19 the department of natural resources to advise the director on
20 methods of incorporating waste reduction goals within the
21 department's regulatory and permit programs, including data col-
22 lection and analysis to advance the concept and implementation of
23 waste reduction.

24 (2) The department shall employ personnel and provide sup-
25 port staff as are necessary to implement this act.

26 Sec. 4. (1) The office shall do all of the following:

1 (a) Identify opportunities to encourage waste reduction
2 through the department's regulatory programs.

3 (b) Identify opportunities to encourage waste reduction
4 through the department's permit programs.

5 (c) Identify how waste reduction efforts should be docu-
6 mented in environmental impact statements.

7 (d) Analyze and make recommendations on the value of impos-
8 ing statewide goals or goals for particular wastes, or both, for
9 waste reduction, minimum recycling standards, and waste treatment
10 standards.

11 (e) Publish an annual analysis of waste reduction efforts
12 and potentials in the state.

13 (2) In performing its responsibilities under subsection (1),
14 the office shall place a particular emphasis on in-plant waste
15 reduction.

16 (3) Consistent with the congressional declaration in section
17 1003(b) of subtitle A of title II of Public Law 89-272, 42
18 U.S.C. 6902 that it is the national policy of the United States
19 that, wherever feasible, hazardous waste is to be reduced or
20 eliminated as expeditiously as possible, the office shall place a
21 particular emphasis on the reduction of a waste that is a hazard-
22 ous waste as defined in section 4 of the hazardous waste manage-
23 ment act, Act No. 64 of the Public Acts of 1979, being section
24 299.504 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

25 Sec. 5. (1) The office shall provide staff and services to
26 the hazardous waste policy committee created in the hazardous

1 waste management act, Act No. 64 of the Public Acts of 1979,
2 being sections 299.501 to 299.551 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

3 (2) The office shall complete the studies provided in
4 section 9(3) of the hazardous waste management act, Act No. 64 of
5 the Public Acts of 1979, being section 299.509 of the Michigan
6 Compiled Laws, upon the request of the hazardous waste policy
7 committee and shall provide the information generated by those
8 studies to the hazardous waste policy committee.

9 (3) The department shall assure that relevant information
10 received under section 313 of subtitle B of title III of the
11 superfund amendments and reauthorization act of 1986, Public Law
12 99-499, 42 U.S.C. 11023 is transmitted to the hazardous waste
13 policy committee by the office.

14 Sec. 6. (1) Upon request, the office shall provide informa-
15 tion to the waste reduction assistance service and to the depart-
16 ment of commerce liaison created in the waste reduction assist-
17 ance act.

18 (2) The director shall designate 1 individual from the
19 department to serve as a liaison between the department and the
20 waste reduction assistance service in the department of commerce
21 on all matters related to waste reduction.

22 Sec. 7. The office shall prepare and deliver, before
23 January 1 of each year, a report detailing the efforts the office
24 has undertaken during the previous fiscal year to implement this
25 act. The annual report shall be delivered to the legislature,
26 the governor, and the chairpersons of the appropriations
27 committees in the senate and the house of representatives for

1 their use in evaluating future appropriations for the office.
2 The annual report may include the information generated pursuant
3 to sections 4 and 5 and may recommend changes in policies and
4 regulatory approaches that will encourage waste reduction.

5 Sec. 8. This act shall not take effect unless Senate Bill
6 No. 17 of
7 the 87th Legislature is enacted into law.