

SENATE BILL No. 618

June 27, 2007, Introduced by Senators CLARK-COLEMAN, BRATER, BASHAM, JACOBS, ANDERSON, SCOTT, HUNTER, THOMAS, SWITALSKI, CLARKE and SCHAUER 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 section 8635.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 8635. (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (2), A PERSON WHO HAS AN
2 INTEREST THAT IS OR MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED MAY COMMENCE A CIVIL
3 ACTION ON HIS OR HER OWN BEHALF AGAINST EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

4 (A) A CAFO, FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS PART, PART 31, OR A RULE
5 PROMULGATED OR PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS PART OR PART 31.

6 (B) THE DEPARTMENT OR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOR A
7 FAILURE TO PERFORM ANY NONDISCRETIONARY ACT OR DUTY UNDER THIS
8 PART.

9 (2) AN ACTION SHALL NOT BE COMMENCED UNDER SUBSECTION (1)
10 UNDER EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:

1 (A) THE PLAINTIFF HAS FAILED TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE ALLEGED
2 VIOLATION TO THE DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE
3 ALLEGED VIOLATOR AT LEAST 60 DAYS PRIOR TO COMMENCING THE ACTION.

4 (B) THE DEPARTMENT HAS COMMENCED AND IS DILIGENTLY PROSECUTING
5 A CIVIL OR CRIMINAL ACTION IN COURT FOR THE ALLEGED VIOLATION.

6 (3) THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN ISSUING A FINAL ORDER OR JUDGMENT IN
7 AN ACTION BROUGHT UNDER THIS SECTION, MAY AWARD COSTS OF LITIGATION
8 AND REASONABLE ATTORNEY AND EXPERT WITNESS FEES TO THE PREVAILING
9 OR SUBSTANTIALLY PREVAILING PARTY IF THE COURT DETERMINES SUCH AN
10 AWARD IS APPROPRIATE.

11 (4) THE REMEDIES UNDER THIS SECTION ARE CUMULATIVE AND DO NOT
12 RESTRICT ANY RIGHT TO BRING AN ACTION IN A COURT OF COMPETENT
13 JURISDICTION THAT A PERSON MAY HAVE AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.

14 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
15 unless all of the following bills of the 93rd Legislature are
16 enacted into law:

17 (a) Senate Bill No. 614.

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19 (b) Senate Bill No. 613.

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21 (c) Senate Bill No. 612.

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23 (d) Senate Bill No. 615.

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25 (e) Senate Bill No. 616.

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27 (f) Senate Bill No. 617.

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2 (g) Senate Bill No. 619.

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4 (h) Senate Bill No. 620.

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