

SENATE BILL No. 1159

May 31, 2012, Introduced by Senators CASWELL, BRANDENBURG, NOFS and CASPERSON and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending section 30103 (MCL 324.30103), as amended by 2009 PA
139.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 30103. (1) A permit is not required under this part for
2 any of the following:

3 (a) Any fill or structure existing before April 1, 1966, in
4 waters covered by former 1965 PA 291, and any fill or structures
5 existing before January 9, 1973, in waters covered for the first
6 time by former 1972 PA 346.

7 (b) A seasonal structure placed on bottomland to facilitate
8 private noncommercial recreational use of the water if it does not

1 unreasonably interfere with the use of the water by others entitled
2 to use the water or interfere with water flow.

3 (c) Reasonable sanding of beaches to the existing water's edge
4 by a riparian owner.

5 (d) Construction or maintenance of a private agricultural
6 drain regardless of outlet.

7 (e) A waste collection or treatment facility that is ordered
8 to be constructed or is approved for construction by the
9 department.

10 (f) Construction and maintenance of minor drainage structures
11 and facilities which are identified by rule promulgated by the
12 department pursuant to section 30110. Before such a rule is
13 promulgated, the rule shall be approved by the majority of a
14 committee consisting of the director of the department, the
15 director of the department of agriculture **AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**,
16 and the director of the state transportation department or their
17 designated representatives. The rules shall be reviewed at least
18 annually.

19 (g) Maintenance and improvement of all drains legally
20 established or constructed prior to January 1, 1973, pursuant to
21 the drain code of 1956, 1956 PA 40, MCL 280.1 to 280.630, except
22 those legally established drains constituting mainstream portions
23 of certain natural watercourses identified in rules promulgated by
24 the department under section 30110.

25 (h) Projects constructed under the watershed protection and
26 flood prevention act, ~~chapter 656, 68 Stat. 666,~~ 16 USC 1001 to
27 ~~1008 and 1010.~~ **1012.**

1 (i) Construction and maintenance of privately owned cooling or
2 storage ponds used in connection with a public utility except at
3 the interface with public waters.

4 (j) Maintenance of a structure constructed under a permit
5 issued pursuant to this part and identified by rule promulgated
6 under section 30110, if the maintenance is in place and in kind
7 with no design or materials modification.

8 (k) A water withdrawal.

9 (l) Annual installation of a seasonal dock or docks, pilings,
10 mooring buoys, or other mooring structures previously authorized by
11 and in accordance with a permit issued under this part.

12 **(M) THE REMOVAL OF WEEDS THROUGH SUCTION WEED HARVESTING.**

13 (2) As used in this section: ~~7"water~~

14 **(A) "SUCTION WEED HARVESTING" MEANS THE PRACTICE BY WHICH A**
15 **DIVER EXTRACTS WEEDS FROM A WATER BODY AND A VACUUM HOSE DRAWS THE**
16 **WEEDS INTO A BOAT.**

17 **(B) "WATER withdrawal" means the removal of water from its**
18 **source for any purpose.**