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Introduced by Senators Brater, Basham and Birkholz

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 799

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, assessments, and donations; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending section 5301 (MCL 324.5301), as amended by 2002 PA 397.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 5301. As used in this part:

(a) "Assistance" means 1 or more of the following activities to the extent authorized by the federal water pollution control act:

(i) Provision of loans to municipalities for construction of sewage treatment works projects, stormwater treatment projects, or nonpoint source projects.

(ii) Project refinancing assistance.

(iii) The guarantee or purchase of insurance for local obligations, if the guarantee or purchase action would improve credit market access or reduce interest rates.

(iv) Use of the proceeds of the fund as a source of revenue or security for the payment of principal and interest on revenue or general obligation bonds issued by this state, if the proceeds of the sale of the bonds will be deposited into the fund.

(v) Provision of loan guarantees for similar revolving funds established by municipalities.

(vi) The use of deposited funds to earn interest on fund accounts.

(vii) Provision for reasonable costs of administering and conducting activities under title VI of the federal water pollution control act, 33 USC 1381 to 1387.

(b) "Authority" means the Michigan municipal bond authority created in the shared credit rating act, 1985 PA 227, MCL 141.1051 to 141.1076.

(c) "Capitalization grant" means the federal grant made to this state by the United States environmental protection agency for the purpose of establishing a state water pollution control revolving fund, as provided in title VI of the federal water pollution control act, 33 USC 1381 to 1387.

(d) "Construction activities" means any actions undertaken in the planning, designing, or building of sewage treatment works projects, stormwater treatment projects, or nonpoint source projects. Construction activities include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

(i) Project planning services.

(ii) Engineering services.

(iii) Legal services.

(iv) Financial services.

(v) Design of plans and specifications.

(vi) Acquisition of land or structural components, or both.

(vii) Building, erection, alteration, remodeling, or extension of a sewage treatment works.

(viii) Building, erection, alteration, remodeling, or extension of projects designed to control nonpoint source pollution, consistent with section 319 of title III of the federal water pollution control act, 33 USC 1329.

(ix) Building, erection, alteration, or remodeling of a stormwater treatment project.

(x) Municipal supervision of the project activities described in subparagraphs

(i) to (ix).

(e) "Federal water pollution control act" means 33 USC 1251 to 1387.

(f) "Fund" means the state water pollution control revolving fund established under the shared credit rating act, 1985 PA 227, MCL 141.1051 to 141.1076, established pursuant to title VI of the federal water pollution control act.

(g) "Fundable range" means those projects, taken in descending order on the priority lists, for which sufficient funds are estimated by the department to exist to provide assistance at the beginning of each annual funding cycle.

(h) "Municipality" means a city, village, county, township, authority, or other public body, including an intermunicipal agency of 2 or more municipalities, authorized or created under state law; or an Indian tribe that has jurisdiction over construction and operation of sewage treatment works or other projects qualifying under section 319 of title III of the federal water pollution control act, 33 USC 1329.

(i) "Nonpoint source project" means construction activities designed to reduce nonpoint source pollution consistent with the state nonpoint source management plan pursuant to section 319 of title III of the federal water pollution control act, 33 USC 1329.

(j) "Priority list" means the annual ranked listing of projects developed by the department in section 5303 or used by the department pursuant to section 5315.

(k) "Project" means a sewage treatment works project, a stormwater treatment project, or a nonpoint source project, or a combination of these.

(l) "Project refinancing assistance" means buying or refinancing the debt obligations of municipalities within the state if construction activities commenced after March 7, 1985 and the debt obligation was incurred after March 7, 1985.

(m) "Sewage treatment works project" means construction activities on any device or system for the treatment, storage, collection, conveyance, recycling, or reclamation of the sewage of a municipality, including combined sewer overflow correction and major rehabilitation of sewers.

(n) "Stormwater treatment project" means construction activities of a municipality on any device or system for the treatment, storage, recycling, or reclamation of storm water that is conveyed by a storm sewer that is separate from a sanitary sewer.

(o) "Tier I project" means a project for which assistance is sought or provided from funds made directly available from the federal capitalization grant or from the Great Lakes water quality bond fund pursuant to section 19708(1)(a).

(p) "Tier II project" means a project for which assistance is sought or provided from funds other than those made directly available from the federal capitalization grant or from the Great Lakes water quality bond fund pursuant to section 19708(1)(a).

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

(a) House Bill No. 4572.

(b) House Bill No. 4573.

(c) House Bill No. 5297.

(d) Senate Bill No. 789.

(e) Senate Bill No. 790.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Secretary of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved

Governor