

**PA 179** (2008) amended Part 327 to add various definitions and revise several definitions used in the part, including the definition of "adverse resource impact". PA 179 took effect on July 9, 2008.

**PA 180** (2008) amended Part 327 to revise requirements for a property owner to register with the DEQ before making a large-quantity withdrawal, and revise water withdrawal permit requirements. PA 180 took effect on July 9, 2008.

**PA 181** (2008) amended Part 327 to do the following:

- Require a property owner to submit to the DEQ a request for a site-specific review if the assessment tool indicates that the proposed withdrawal falls into a particular category.
- Permit a property owner to request a site-specific review in some cases.
- Require a property owner to obtain a water withdrawal permit and DEQ authorization in order to register and make a withdrawal, under certain circumstances.
- Require the DEQ to develop a protocol for the collection of stream or river flow data by people other than the Department, and allow the DEQ to establish a program to train and certify individuals in the collection of measurements.
- Repeal a section that allowed a person intending to make a withdrawal for which a permit was not required to petition the DEQ for a determination that the withdrawal was not likely to cause an adverse resource impact.
- PA 181 took effect on July 9, 2008.

**PA 182** (2008) amended Part 327 to do the following:

- Eliminate a provision reducing a \$200 water use reporting fee upon legislative enactment of the assessment tool.
- Require the DEQ, by March 31, 2009, to prepare and post on its website a set of generic water conservation measures applicable to all people making large-quantity withdrawals.
- Require the DEQ to review water conservation measures submitted by a specific water user's sector and approve them as a replacement for the generic measures for that sector.
- Require a withdrawal registrant or permit holder to certify that he or she had reviewed environmentally sound and economically feasible water conservation measures.
- Require the DEQ, upon receiving a registration falling into a particular category, to notify all other registrants and permit holders using water from the same source, and require those registrants and permit holders to review and consider implementing water conservation measures.
- PA 182 took effect on July 9, 2008.

**PA 183** (2008) amended Part 327 to create a rebuttable presumption that a proposed withdrawal will not cause an adverse resource impact, under certain circumstances. PA 183 took effect on July 9, 2008.

**PA 184** (2008) amended Part 327 to do the following:

- Require the DEQ to notify certain local entities by e-mail if a proposed withdrawal falls into a particular category.
- Allow the notified entities to form a water resources assessment and education committee in order to assess trends in water use in the withdrawal's vicinity and educate water users.
- PA 184 took effect on July 9, 2008.

**PA 185** (2008) amended Part 327 to do the following:

- Require the DEQ, on October 1, 2008, to make available for testing and evaluation an internet-based water withdrawal assessment tool that can determine if a proposed withdrawal is likely to cause an adverse resource impact.
- Require the DEQ, beginning one year after the bill's effective date, to implement the assessment tool.
- PA 185 took effect on July 9, 2008.

**PA 186** (2008) amended Part 327 of NREPA to revise the civil penalty for certain violations of Part 327 involving water withdrawals. PA 186 took effect on October 7, 2008.

**PA 187** (2008) amended the Safe Drinking Water Act to revise provisions requiring the DEQ to evaluate the impact of a proposed waterworks system for a community supply. PA 187 took effect on July 9, 2008.

**PA 188** (2008) amended the Safe Drinking Water Act to revise the withdrawals for which a bottled water producer must demonstrate to the DEQ that certain conditions will be met, and revise the conditions. PA 188 took effect on July 9, 2008.

**PA 189** (2008) amended Part 328 of NREPA to revise the membership and duties of the former Groundwater Conservation Advisory Council and change its name to the "Water Resources Conservation Advisory Council". PA 189 took effect on July 9, 2008.

**PA 190** (2008) amended Part 327 (Great Lakes Preservation) of the Natural Resources and environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to provide for the implementation of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact. Additionally, the act added Part 342 (Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact) to NREPA. The Compact does the following:

- Provides for intergovernmental cooperation and consultation through which the participating states intend to protect, conserve, restore, improve, and effectively manage the waters and water dependent resources of the Basin.
- Creates the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council.
- Establishes a standard of review and decision as the means for the Council to exercise its authority.
- Authorizes the Council to promulgate and enforce rules and regulations to implement and enforce the Compact.
- Within five years, requires each party to develop and maintain a water resources inventory.
- Requires each party to submit to the Council and a regional review body a report detailing its water management and conservation and efficiency programs.
- Requires the Council, in cooperation with the Great Lakes Canadian provinces, to review its water management and conservation and efficiency programs and those of the parties and make findings on whether the program provisions are being met and how to assist the parties in meeting them.
- Within five years of the Compact's effective date, requires certain large quantity water users to register the withdrawal or diversion.

- Within two years after the Compact takes effect, requires each party to develop water conservation and efficiency goals and objectives and implement a conservation and efficiency program.
- Prohibits the approval of a withdrawal proposal that is inconsistent with the Compact or the standard of review and decision.
- Prohibits certain proposals from being undertaken without the approval of the party in which an application or registration is or must be made.
- Provides that certain proposals are subject to review by the regional body, and establishes the regional review process.
- Provides that certain proposals for consumptive use are subject to a 90- day prior notice requirement.
- Prohibits all new or increased diversions, subject to exceptions for straddling communities and some intra-Basin transfers.
- Within five years of the Compact's effective date, requires each party to create a program for the management and regulation of new or increased withdrawals and consumptive uses, including threshold levels for their regulation.
- Establishes a threshold level for any party that fails to set its own levels within 10 years after the Compact takes effect.
- Requires the parties collectively to conduct periodic cumulative impact assessments of Basin water uses.
- Allows an aggrieved person to bring a civil action for an alleged violation of the Compact.
- PA 190 took effect on July 9, 2008.