

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
DIGEST FOR EHB 1203**

Citations Affected: IC 14.

Synopsis: Coal reclamation and water issues. Specifies that water may be diverted from Lake Michigan only if the diversion is approved by the governor of each Great Lakes state under federal law. Restates enforcement and penalty provisions for violations under the jurisdiction of the division of water of the department of natural resources (department). Changes certain violations from a Class C infraction to a Class B infraction. Requires the owner of a dam to notify the department of the sale of the dam. Allows a property owner or an individual who lives downstream from a dam over which the department does not have jurisdiction to request the department to investigate whether the dam is a high hazard structure if the individual believes that the failure of the dam may cause loss of life or damage to the person's home or other structures. Provides that if the department's investigation determines that the dam's failure may cause loss of life or damage to certain structures, the dam is subject to the department's jurisdiction. **(This conference committee report inserts the contents of the Senate passed version of SB 295 concerning various water issues.)**

Effective: July 1, 2004.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the House upon Engrossed Senate Amendments to Engrossed House Bill No. 1203 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:

that the House recede from its dissent from all Senate amendments and that the House now concur in all Senate amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1 Page 1, between lines 4 and 5, begin a new paragraph and insert:
2 "SECTION 1. IC 14-25-1-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 11. (a) The general
4 assembly finds that a diversion of water out of the Great Lakes will
5 impair or destroy the Great Lakes. The general assembly further finds
6 that the prohibition of a diversion of water from the Great Lakes is
7 consistent with the mandate of the Preamble to and Article 14, Section
8 1 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana, the United States
9 Constitution, and the federal legislation according to which Indiana was
10 granted statehood.
11 (b) Water may not be diverted from that part of the Great Lakes
12 drainage basin within Indiana ~~for use in a state outside the basin~~, unless
13 the diversion is approved by the governor of each Great Lakes state
14 **under 42 U.S.C. 1962d-20 (Water Resources Development Act).**
15 (c) **The commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement**
16 **this section.**
17 SECTION 2. IC 14-25.5-4-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.145-2002,
18 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
19 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 6. **Except as provided in IC 14-26-7-8,**
20 **IC 14-27-6-52, IC 14-29-1-3, IC 14-29-7-25, and IC 14-29-8-5, a**

1 person who knowingly violates **an article enforced under** this article
 2 commits a Class B infraction. Each day a violation occurs is a separate
 3 infraction.

4 SECTION 3. IC 14-26-2-19 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 19. ~~(a)~~ The department
 6 may seek ~~and a court having jurisdiction may grant injunctive relief~~
 7 **under IC 14-25.5-4** for the violation of this chapter. ~~The plaintiff in~~
 8 ~~such a cause is not required to give bond; and after the filing of the~~
 9 ~~action and the service of notice all matters involved in the action shall~~
 10 ~~be held in abeyance until the action is tried and determined.~~

11 ~~(b) If a defendant continues to violate this chapter after the service of~~
 12 ~~notice of the action and before trial, the plaintiff is entitled, upon a~~
 13 ~~verified showing of the acts on the part of the defendant, to a~~
 14 ~~temporary restraining order without notice. The temporary restraining~~
 15 ~~order is effective until the cause has been tried and determined.~~

16 SECTION 4. IC 14-26-2-20 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 20. The department may
 18 bring an action ~~in any court having jurisdiction under IC 14-25.5-4~~ for
 19 damages caused by a person who violates this chapter.

20 SECTION 5. IC 14-26-2-21 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 21 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 21. A person who
 22 **knowingly** violates this chapter commits a ~~Class C~~ **Class B** infraction.

23 SECTION 6. IC 14-26-2-22, AS AMENDED BY P.L.24-2001,
 24 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 25 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 22. ~~(a)~~ In addition to other penalties prescribed by
 26 this chapter or IC 13-2-11.1 (before its repeal), the director may impose
 27 a civil penalty under ~~IC 4-21.5, not to exceed one thousand dollars~~
 28 ~~(\$1,000); on a person who violates any of the following:~~

29 ~~(1) Section 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, or 23 of this chapter;~~

30 ~~(2) A rule relating to section 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, or 23 of~~
 31 ~~this chapter.~~

32 ~~(3) A permit under this chapter.~~

33 ~~(b) Each day a violation continues after a civil penalty is imposed~~
 34 ~~under subsection (a) constitutes a separate violation.~~

35 ~~(c) Civil penalties imposed under this section shall be deposited in the~~
 36 ~~state general fund. IC 14-25.5-4.~~

37 SECTION 7. IC 14-26-5-17 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 38 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 17. A person who
 39 **knowingly** violates section 3 of this chapter commits a Class B
 40 infraction.

41 SECTION 8. IC 14-26-6-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 42 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 3. A person who **knowingly** lowers
 43 the water level of a lake more than twelve (12) inches below the high
 44 water mark established by the dam or other artificial device creating the
 45 lake commits a ~~Class C~~ **Class B** infraction.

46 SECTION 9. IC 14-27-2-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 47 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 2. A person who **knowingly** rides
 48 or drives upon or over a levee constructed under law, except for the
 49 purpose of:

- 1 (1) passing over the levee:
 2 (A) at a public or private crossing; or
 3 (B) upon a part of a public highway; or
 4 (2) inspection or repair;

5 commits a ~~Class C~~ **Class B** infraction.

6 SECTION 10. IC 14-27-7-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.148-2002,
 7 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 5. ~~(a)~~ If the department finds that a dike,
 9 floodwall, levee, or appurtenance is:

- 10 (1) not sufficiently strong;
 11 (2) not maintained in a good and sufficient state of repair or
 12 operating condition; or
 13 (3) unsafe and dangerous to life or property;

14 the department shall issue a notice of violation to the owner of the dike,
 15 floodwall, levee, or appurtenance ~~to make or cause to be made, at the~~
 16 ~~owner's expense, the maintenance, alteration, repair, reconstruction,~~
 17 ~~change in construction or location, or removal that the department~~
 18 ~~considers reasonable and necessary.~~

19 ~~(b) The department shall limit in the notice the time for compliance~~
 20 ~~with the notice based on the seriousness of the circumstances involving~~
 21 ~~the structure.~~

22 ~~(c) The owner shall comply with the notice under IC 14-25.5-2.~~

23 SECTION 11. IC 14-27-7-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.148-2002,
 24 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 25 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 7. An owner who **knowingly** fails to effect the
 26 maintenance, alteration, repair, reconstruction, change in construction
 27 or location, or removal within the time limit set forth in the notice of
 28 violation of the department under:

- 29 (1) section 5 of this chapter; or
 30 (2) IC 13-2-20-4 (before its repeal);

31 commits a Class B infraction. Every day of failure constitutes a separate
 32 infraction.

33 SECTION 12. IC 14-27-7.5-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.148-2002,
 34 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 35 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 7. **(a)** The owner of a structure shall maintain and
 36 keep the structure in the state of repair and operating condition required
 37 by the following:

- 38 (1) The exercise of prudence.
 39 (2) Due regard for life and property.
 40 (3) The application of sound and accepted technical principles.

41 **(b) The owner of a structure shall notify the department in**
 42 **writing of the sale or other transfer of ownership of the structure.**
 43 **The notice must include the name and address of the new owner**
 44 **of the structure.**

45 SECTION 13. IC 14-27-7.5-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.148-2002,
 46 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 47 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 11. ~~(a)~~ If the department finds that a structure is:

- 48 (1) not sufficiently strong;
 49 (2) not maintained in a good and sufficient state of repair or

1 operating condition;
 2 (3) not designed to remain safe during infrequent loading events; or
 3 (4) unsafe and dangerous to life and property;
 4 the department may issue a notice of violation ~~by letter to the owner of~~
 5 ~~the structure. The notice may require the owner of the structure to~~
 6 ~~make or cause to be made, at the owner's expense, the maintenance,~~
 7 ~~alteration, repair, reconstruction, change in construction or location, or~~
 8 ~~removal that the department considers reasonable and necessary.~~

9 ~~(b) The department shall limit in the notice the time for compliance~~
 10 ~~with the notice based on the seriousness of the circumstances involving~~
 11 ~~the structure.~~

12 ~~(c) The owner shall comply with the notice. under IC 14-25.5-2.~~

13 SECTION 14. IC 14-27-7.5-13, AS ADDED BY P.L.148-2002,
 14 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 15 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 13. An owner who **knowingly** fails to effect the
 16 maintenance, alteration, repair, reconstruction, change in construction
 17 or location, or removal within the time limit set forth in the notice of
 18 violation of the department under:

19 (1) section 11 of this chapter; or

20 (2) IC 13-2-20-4 (before its repeal);

21 commits a Class B infraction. Every day of failure constitutes a separate
 22 infraction.

23 SECTION 15. IC 14-27-7.5-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 24 CODE AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 25 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 16. **(a) A property owner, the owner's**
 26 **representative, or an individual who resides downstream from a**
 27 **structure:**

28 **(1) over which the department does not have jurisdiction**
 29 **under this chapter; and**

30 **(2) that the property owner, the owner's representative, or the**
 31 **individual believes would cause a loss of life or damage to the**
 32 **person's home, industrial or commercial building, public**
 33 **utility, major highway, or railroad if the structure fails;**

34 **may request in writing that the department declare the structure**
 35 **a high hazard structure.**

36 **(b) If the department receives a request under subsection (a),**
 37 **the department shall:**

38 **(1) investigate the structure and the area downstream from**
 39 **the structure;**

40 **(2) notify the owner of the structure that the structure is**
 41 **being investigated;**

42 **(3) review written statements and technical documentation**
 43 **from any interested party; and**

44 **(4) after considering the available information, determine**
 45 **whether or not the structure is a high hazard structure.**

46 **(c) The department shall issue a written notice of the**
 47 **department's determination under subsection (b) to:**

48 **(1) the individual who requested the determination; and**

1 **(2) the owner of the structure that is the subject of the**
 2 **request.**

3 **(d) Either:**

4 **(1) the individual who requested a determination; or**

5 **(2) the owner of the structure that is the subject of the**
 6 **request;**

7 **may request an administrative review under IC 4-21.5-3-6 within**
 8 **thirty (30) days after receipt of the written determination.**

9 **(e) If the department determines that a structure is a high**
 10 **hazard structure under subsection (b), the provisions of this**
 11 **chapter concerning high hazard structures apply to the structure.**

12 SECTION 16. IC 14-28-1-24 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 13 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 24. (a) This section
 14 does not apply to the reconstruction of a residence located in a
 15 boundary river floodway.

16 (b) A person may not begin the reconstruction of an abode or a
 17 residence that:

18 (1) is located in a floodway; and

19 (2) is substantially damaged (as defined in 44 CFR 59.1, as in
 20 effect on January 1, 1993) by a means other than floodwater;

21 unless the person has obtained a permit under this section or section
 22 26.5 of this chapter.

23 (c) A person who desires to reconstruct an abode or a residence
 24 described in subsection (b) must file with the director a verified written
 25 application for a permit accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of fifty
 26 dollars (\$50). An application submitted under this section must do the
 27 following:

28 (1) Set forth the material facts concerning the proposed
 29 reconstruction.

30 (2) Include the plans and specifications for the reconstruction.

31 (d) The director may issue a permit to an applicant under this section
 32 only if the applicant has clearly proven all of the following:

33 (1) The abode or residence will be reconstructed:

34 (A) in the area of the original foundation and in substantially the
 35 same configuration as the former abode or residence; or

36 (B) in a location that is, as determined by the director, safer than
 37 the location of the original foundation.

38 (2) The lowest floor elevation of the abode or residence as
 39 reconstructed, including the basement, will be at or above the one
 40 hundred (100) year flood elevation.

41 (3) The abode or residence will be designed or modified and
 42 adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral
 43 movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and
 44 hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy.

45 (4) The abode or residence will be reconstructed with materials
 46 resistant to flood damage.

47 (5) The abode or residence will be reconstructed by methods and
 48 practices that minimize flood damages.

49 (6) The abode or residence will be reconstructed with electrical,

1 heating, ventilation, plumbing, and air conditioning equipment and
 2 other service facilities that are designed and located to prevent
 3 water from entering or accumulating within the components during
 4 conditions of flooding.

5 (7) The abode or residence, as reconstructed, will comply with the
 6 minimum requirements for floodplain management set forth in 44
 7 CFR Part 60, as in effect on January 1, 1993.

8 (e) When granting a permit under this section, the director may
 9 establish and incorporate into the permit certain conditions and
 10 restrictions that the director considers necessary for the purposes of
 11 this chapter.

12 (f) A permit issued by the director under this section is void if the
 13 reconstruction authorized by the permit is not commenced within two
 14 (2) years after the permit is issued.

15 (g) The director shall send a copy of each permit issued under this
 16 section to each river basin commission organized under:

17 (1) IC 14-29-7 or IC 13-2-27 (before its repeal); or

18 (2) IC 14-30-1 or IC 36-7-6 (before its repeal);

19 that is affected by the permit.

20 (h) The person to whom a permit is issued under this section shall
 21 post and maintain the permit at the site of the reconstruction authorized
 22 by the permit.

23 (i) A person who **knowingly**:

24 (1) begins the reconstruction of an abode or a residence in violation
 25 of subsection (b);

26 (2) violates a condition or restriction of a permit issued under this
 27 section; or

28 (3) fails to post and maintain a permit at a reconstruction site in
 29 violation of subsection (h);

30 commits a ~~Class C~~ **Class B** infraction. Each day that the person is in
 31 violation of subsection (b), the permit, or subsection (h) constitutes a
 32 separate infraction.

33 SECTION 17. IC 14-28-1-25 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 34 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 25. (a) A person who
 35 desires to reconstruct an abode or a residence that:

36 (1) is located in a floodway; and

37 (2) is not substantially damaged (as defined in 44 CFR 59.1, as in
 38 effect on January 1, 1997) by a means other than floodwater;

39 is not required to obtain a permit from the department for the
 40 reconstruction of the abode or residence if the reconstruction will meet
 41 the requirements set forth in 44 CFR Part 60, as in effect on January 1,
 42 1997.

43 (b) A person who **knowingly** reconstructs an abode or a residence
 44 described in subsection (a) in a way that does not comply with the
 45 requirements referred to in subsection (a) commits a ~~Class C~~ **Class B**
 46 infraction.

47 SECTION 18. IC 14-28-1-32 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 48 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 32. (a) A person who
 49 **knowingly** violates section 20(2), 20(3), or 29 of this chapter commits
 50 a Class B infraction.

1 (b) Each day of continuing violation after conviction of the offense
2 constitutes a separate offense.

3 SECTION 19. IC 14-28-1-33 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
4 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 33. (a) A person who
5 **knowingly** fails to:

6 (1) comply with the requirements of section 20(1) of this chapter;
7 or

8 (2) obtain a permit under section 22 of this chapter;
9 commits a ~~Class C~~ **Class B** infraction.

10 (b) Each day a person violates section 20(1) or 22 of this chapter
11 constitutes a separate infraction.

12 SECTION 20. IC 14-28-1-34 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
13 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 34. A person who
14 **knowingly** fails to comply with section 22(i) of this chapter commits
15 a ~~Class D~~ **Class B** infraction. Each day a person violates section 22(i)
16 of this chapter constitutes a separate infraction.

17 SECTION 21. IC 14-28-1-35 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
18 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 35. The commission
19 may ~~maintain an action to~~ enjoin a violation of this chapter **under**
20 **IC 14-25.5-2.**

21 SECTION 22. IC 14-28-1-36 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
22 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 36. ~~(a)~~ In addition to
23 other penalties prescribed by this chapter, the director may impose a
24 civil penalty under ~~IC 4-21.5~~, ~~not to exceed one thousand dollars~~
25 ~~(\$1,000)~~, on a person who violates any of the following:

26 ~~(1) Section 20, 22, 27, or 29 of this chapter.~~

27 ~~(2) A rule relating to section 20, 22, 27, or 29 of this chapter.~~

28 ~~(3) A permit issued under this chapter.~~

29 ~~(b) Each day a violation continues after a civil penalty is imposed~~
30 ~~under subsection (a) constitutes a separate violation.~~

31 ~~(c) Civil penalties imposed under this section shall be deposited in the~~
32 ~~state general fund. IC 14-25.5-4.~~

33 SECTION 23. IC 14-29-3-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
34 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 4. (a) A person who
35 **knowingly** takes sand, gravel, stone, or other mineral or substance
36 from or under the bed of the navigable water of Indiana without a
37 permit commits a Class B infraction.

38 (b) Each day a violation continues constitutes a separate infraction.

39 SECTION 24. IC 14-29-4-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
40 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 9. (a) A person who
41 **knowingly** violates this chapter commits a ~~Class C~~ **Class B** infraction.

42 (b) Each day of continuing violation after conviction of the offense
43 constitutes a separate offense."

44 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to EHB 1203 as printed February 18, 2004.)

Conference Committee Report
on
Engrossed House Bill 1203

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