



## **H.B. 350**

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(As Introduced)

**Rep. Mitchell**

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Requires the Director of Environmental Protection to adopt rules establishing standards and procedures for considering issues related to environmental justice when issuing permits or licenses and taking other actions under state environmental laws.
- Defines "environmental justice" to mean the fair treatment of all people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws and rules and policies adopted under those laws.

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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

The bill requires the Director of Environmental Protection to adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act establishing standards and procedures for considering issues related to environmental justice when doing any of the following:

- (1) Adopting rules under an environmental law;
- (2) Establishing policies or procedures with respect to an environmental law; or
- (3) Issuing a license or permit under an environmental law.

The rules are required also to apply to the issuance of licenses or permits by boards of health under an environmental law.

The bill defines "environmental justice" to mean the fair treatment of all people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws and rules and policies adopted under those laws. "Environmental law" is defined to include laws

governing Ohio's clean air program; solid, hazardous, and infectious waste programs; clean water program; safe drinking water program; and other environmental programs established under the Revised Code that the Director administers and their local and federal counterparts. (Sec. 3745.50.)

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## **HISTORY**

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