

Environmental Quality (Amendment) Bill 2012 tabled
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KUALA LUMPUR: A Bill which seeks to allow the Environmental Quality director-general to issue a stop work order to persons carrying out activities that may cause environmental damage was tabled for first reading at the Dewan Rakyat.

The Environmental Quality (Amendment) Bill 2012 was tabled by Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Douglas Uggah Embas on Thursday.

Under the Bill, the stop work order may be issued to prevent the activities from continuing absolutely or conditionally, for such period as the director-general may determine or until requirements have been complied with.

Any person who contravenes this provision shall be liable to a maximum fine of RM500,000 or jail sentence of up to five years or both.

Continuous offences under this provision will be punishable with a maximum fine of RM1,000 for everyday during which the offence continued.

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