

**SENATE BILL NO. 317**

February 17, 1999, Introduced by Senator BENNETT and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 74103a.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1        SEC. 74103A. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE YEAR-ROUND  
2 CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES AT STATE PARKS. THE DEPARTMENT MAY DETER-  
3 MINE HOW MANY AND WHICH STATE PARKS TO KEEP OPEN TO SATISFY THE  
4 DEMAND FOR NON-SUMMER-SEASON CAMPING SITES ACROSS THE STATE.  
5        (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALLOW CAMPERS TO STORE EQUIPMENT AT  
6 CAMPING SITES DURING FALL, WINTER, AND SPRING CAMPING SEASONS  
7 DURING PERIODS OF TIME IN WHICH THE CAMPING SITES WILL NOT OTHER-  
8 WISE BE USED. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS PARTICI-  
9 PATING IN THE STORAGE PROGRAM TO SIGN A LIABILITY WAIVER  
10 RELEASING THE STATE FROM ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SECURITY OF  
11 STORED EQUIPMENT FROM LOSS, DAMAGE, OR THEFT. THE DEPARTMENT MAY

1 ESTABLISH REASONABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT AT  
2 CAMPING SITES PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
3 ANNUALLY ESTABLISH FEES FOR EQUIPMENT STORAGE AT STATE PARKS FOR  
4 SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY NIGHTS, OTHER THAN HOLIDAYS. THESE FEES  
5 SHALL BE BASED UPON THE ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RUNNING  
6 THE EQUIPMENT STORAGE PROGRAM. EQUIPMENT STORAGE FEES FOR  
7 FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS, AND HOLIDAYS SHALL BE THE SAME AS THE OVER-  
8 NIGHT CAMPING FEE FOR THE SITE.