

Act No. 454  
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
91ST LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2002**

**Introduced by Senators Hoffman, Gast, Bullard, Shugars, Gougeon, McManus, Emmons, North, Stille,  
Sanborn, Schwarz and McCotter**

# **ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 415**

AN ACT to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge of certain substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, and assessments; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 72113.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 72113. (1) The Great Lakes center for maritime studies at western Michigan university, in conjunction with the department, the department of history, arts, and libraries, and the Michigan 4-H youth conservation council, shall develop a plan for a statewide recognition program to be known as the "Michigan heritage water trail program". This program shall be designed to do all of the following:

- (a) Establish a method for designating significant water corridors in the state as Michigan heritage water trails.
- (b) Provide recognition for the historical, cultural, recreational, and natural resource significance of Michigan heritage water trails.
- (c) Establish methods for local units of government to participate in programs that complement the designation of Michigan heritage water trails.
- (d) Assure that private property rights along Michigan heritage water trails are not disturbed or disrupted, or restricted by the state or local units of government.

(2) Within 1 year after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section, the center for maritime studies at western Michigan university, in conjunction with the department, the department of history, arts, and libraries, and the Michigan 4-H youth conservation council, shall submit a copy of the plan developed under subsection (1) to the standing committees of the legislature with jurisdiction primarily pertaining to natural resources and the environment.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

*Carol Morey Viventi*

Secretary of the Senate.

*Jay E. Randall*

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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Governor.