

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 858**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending section 74104 (MCL 324.74104), as added by 1995 PA
58.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 74104. (1) The department shall establish an
2 "adopt-a-park" program that will allow volunteer groups to assist
3 state park staff in maintaining and enhancing state parks.
4 (2) Subject to subsection (3), volunteer groups in the
5 adopt-a-park program may adopt any available state park and may
6 choose any 1 or more of the following volunteer activities:
7 (a) Spring cleanups.
8 (b) Environmental activities.
9 (c) Accessibility projects.
10 (d) Special events.

1 (e) Park maintenance and development.

2 (f) Public information and assistance.

3 (g) Training.

4 (3) The department shall designate the activities to be
5 performed by a volunteer group in the adopt-a-park program. The
6 department may provide for more than 1 volunteer group to adopt a
7 state park.

8 (4) A volunteer group that wishes to participate in the
9 adopt-a-park program shall submit an application to the
10 department on a form provided by the department. Additionally,
11 volunteer groups shall agree to the following:

12 (a) Volunteer groups shall participate in the program for at
13 least a 2-year period.

14 (b) Volunteer groups shall consist of at least 6 people who
15 are 18 years of age or older, unless the volunteer group is a
16 school or scout organization, in which case the volunteers may be
17 under 18 years of age.

18 (c) Volunteer groups shall give a total of 400 hours over a
19 2-year period.

20 (d) Volunteer groups shall comply with other reasonable
21 requirements of the department.

22 (5) A state park manager may issue to volunteers who are
23 actively working on adopt-a-park projects that last more than 1
24 day free camping permits if campsites are available. A state
25 park manager may waive state park entry fees for volunteers
26 entering state parks to work on adopt-a-park projects.

27 (6) The department shall design and erect near the state park

1 headquarters of each state park in the adopt-a-park program an
2 adopt-a-park program sign with the name of the volunteer group's
3 sponsoring organization listed for each volunteer group that has
4 contributed at least 100 service hours by volunteers.

5 (7) The department shall provide a volunteer group conducting
6 litter cleanup efforts under the adopt-a-park program with a
7 method for the volunteer group to record a general
8 characterization of the types and amount of trash collected
9 during the group's cleanup effort. The department shall request
10 the group to forward the information recorded to the department
11 of environmental quality on completion.

12 (8) The department of environmental quality shall compile
13 information received under subsection (7) and shall, by December
14 31 of each year, make an annual report to the committees of both
15 houses of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over matters
16 relating to natural resources and the environment and to the
17 recycling advisory council created under section 17302,
18 presenting the information compiled under this section and under
19 similar requirements of other adopt-a-resource programs
20 established under this act.

21 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take
22 effect unless Senate Bill No. 790 of the 92nd Legislature is
23 enacted into law.