

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5563

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending sections 8901, 8905a, and 80125 (MCL 324.8901,
324.8905a, and 324.80125), sections 8901 and 8905a as amended by
2004 PA 494 and section 80125 as added by 1995 PA 58, and by adding
sections 80130f, 80130g, 80130h, 80130i, 80130j, 80130k, 80130l,
80130m, 80130n, 80130o, 80130p, 81151, and 82161.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 8901. As used in this part:

2 (a) "Litter" means ~~rubbish~~, **ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

3 **(i) RUBBISH**, refuse, waste material, garbage, offal, paper,
4 glass, cans, bottles, trash, debris, or other foreign substances.

5 ~~or a~~

6 **(ii) A** vehicle that is considered abandoned under section 252a

1 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.252a.

2 (iii) AN ABANDONED VESSEL AS DEFINED IN SECTION 80130F.

3 (iv) AN ORV THAT IS CONSIDERED ABANDONED UNDER SECTION 80130F
4 AS MADE APPLICABLE IN SECTION 81151.

5 (v) A SNOWMOBILE THAT IS CONSIDERED ABANDONED UNDER SECTION
6 80130F AS MADE APPLICABLE IN SECTION 82161.

7 (b) "Public or private property or water" includes, but is not
8 limited to, any of the following:

9 (i) The right-of-way of a road or highway, a body of water or
10 watercourse, or the shore or beach of a body of water or
11 watercourse, including the ice above the water.

12 (ii) A park, playground, building, refuge, or conservation or
13 recreation area.

14 (iii) Residential or farm properties or timberlands.

15 (c) "Vehicle" means a motor vehicle registered or required to
16 be registered under the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL
17 257.1 to 257.923.

18 (d) "Vessel" means a vessel registered under part 801.

19 Sec. 8905a. (1) A person who violates this part, ~~where-IF~~ the
20 amount of the litter is less than 1 cubic foot in volume, is
21 responsible for a state civil infraction and is subject to a civil
22 fine of not more than \$800.00.

23 (2) A person who violates this part, ~~where-IF~~ the amount of
24 the litter is 1 cubic foot or more but less than 3 cubic feet in
25 volume, is responsible for a state civil infraction and is subject
26 to a civil fine of not more than \$1,500.00.

27 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4), a person who

1 violates this part, ~~where~~ **IF** the amount of the litter is 3 cubic
2 feet or more in volume, is responsible for a state civil infraction
3 and is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$2,500.00. A person
4 found to have committed a violation described in this subsection in
5 a subsequent proceeding is subject to a civil fine of not more than
6 \$5,000.00.

7 (4) A person who violates this part, ~~where~~ **IF** the litter
8 ~~consists of an abandoned vehicle~~ **IS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 8901(A) (ii)**
9 **TO (v)**, is responsible for a state civil infraction and is subject
10 to a civil fine of not less than \$500.00 or more than \$2,500.00. A
11 person found to have committed a violation described in this
12 subsection in a subsequent proceeding is subject to a civil fine of
13 not less than \$1,000.00 or more than \$5,000.00. However, the court
14 shall not order the payment of a fine unless the vehicle has been
15 disposed of under section 252g of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949
16 PA 300, MCL 257.252g, **THE ABANDONED VESSEL HAS BEEN DISPOSED OF**
17 **UNDER SECTION 80130K, THE ORV THAT IS CONSIDERED ABANDONED HAS BEEN**
18 **DISPOSED OF UNDER SECTION 80130K AS MADE APPLICABLE IN SECTION**
19 **81151, OR THE SNOWMOBILE THAT IS CONSIDERED ABANDONED HAS BEEN**
20 **DISPOSED OF UNDER SECTION 80130K AS MADE APPLICABLE IN SECTION**
21 **82161.**

22 (5) A default in the payment of a civil fine or costs ordered
23 under this part or an installment of the fine or costs may be
24 remedied by any means authorized under the revised judicature act
25 of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.101 to 600.9947.

26 (6) This section does not apply to a violation of section 8903
27 or 8905.

1 Sec. 80125. (1) The owner of a vessel shall notify the
2 secretary of state within 15 days if the vessel is destroyed ~~7~~
3 ~~abandoned~~, or sold; if an interest in the vessel is transferred ~~7~~
4 either wholly or in part, to another person; or if the owner's
5 address no longer conforms to the address appearing on the
6 certificate of number. The notice shall consist of a surrender of
7 the certificate of number, on which the proper information shall be
8 noted on a place to be provided on the certificate. When the
9 surrender of the certificate is due to the vessel being destroyed,
10 ~~or abandoned~~, the secretary of state shall cancel the certificate
11 and enter that fact in the secretary of state's records, and the
12 number may be reassigned.

13 (2) The owner of a destroyed vessel, upon proper application,
14 may receive a new certificate of number, valid for the remainder of
15 the numbering period, for a replacement vessel, if all of the
16 following conditions are met:

17 (a) The replacement vessel is owned by the same person who
18 owned the destroyed vessel.

19 (b) The owner of the replacement vessel pays additional fees,
20 if required under section 80124, due to the change in vessel size
21 or classification.

22 (c) Payment of a \$2.00 application fee.

23 (3) If the fees required for the replacement vessel under
24 section 80124 are less than the fees that were required for the
25 destroyed vessel, the owner of the vessel shall not receive a
26 refund.

27 (4) If the surrender of the certificate of number is due to a

1 change of the owner's address, the new address shall be recorded by
2 the secretary of state and a certificate of number bearing that
3 information shall be returned to the owner.

4 (5) The transferee of a vessel registered under this part,
5 within 15 days after acquisition of the vessel, shall ~~make~~
6 ~~application~~**APPLY** to the secretary of state for transfer to the
7 transferee of the certificate of number issued to the vessel. The
8 transferee shall provide his or her name, address, and the number
9 of the vessel and pay to the secretary of state a transfer fee of
10 \$2.00. The registration fee for the certificate of number shall be
11 2/3 the fee provided in section 80124 if the transferred
12 certificate of number would have remained valid for 1 year or less.
13 The registration fee for the certificate of number shall be 1/3 the
14 fee provided in section 80124 if the transferred certificate of
15 number would have remained valid for more than 1 year but less than
16 2 years. An additional registration fee shall not be assessed if
17 the transferred registration would have remained valid for 2 or
18 more years. Unless the application is made and the fee paid within
19 15 days after acquisition of the vessel, the vessel shall be
20 considered to be without certificate of number and a person shall
21 not operate the vessel until a certificate is issued. Upon receipt
22 of the application and appropriate fees, the secretary of state
23 shall transfer the certificate of number issued for the vessel to
24 the new owner. The certificate of number shall be valid for a 3-
25 year period.

26 (6) If a certificate of number is lost, mutilated, or
27 illegible, the owner of the vessel shall obtain a duplicate of the

1 certificate upon application and payment of a fee of \$2.00.

2 SEC. 80130F. (1) A PERSON SHALL NOT ABANDON A VESSEL IN THIS
3 STATE. IT IS PRESUMED THAT THE LAST TITLED OWNER OR, IF THERE IS NO
4 TITLED OWNER, THE LAST REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VESSEL IS
5 RESPONSIBLE FOR ABANDONING THE VESSEL UNLESS THE PERSON PROVIDES A
6 RECORD OF THE TRANSFER OF THE VESSEL TO ANOTHER PERSON. FOR THE
7 PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE RECORD OF TRANSFER MUST BE EITHER
8 A PHOTOCOPY OF THE REASSIGNED TITLE OR REASSIGNED REGISTRATION OR A
9 FORM OR DOCUMENT THAT INCLUDES THE TRANSFEREE'S NAME, ADDRESS,
10 DRIVER LICENSE NUMBER, AND SIGNATURE, THE DATE OF TRANSFER OF THE
11 VESSEL, AND, IF APPLICABLE, THE SALE PRICE. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES
12 THIS SUBSECTION AND WHO FAILS TO REDEEM THE VESSEL BEFORE
13 DISPOSITION OF THE VESSEL UNDER SECTION 80130K IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A
14 STATE CIVIL INFRACTION AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 8905A.

15 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION THROUGH SECTION 80130P, "ABANDONED
16 VESSEL" MEANS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

17 (A) A VESSEL THAT IS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE CONSENT
18 OF THE PROPERTY OWNER.

19 (B) A VESSEL THAT HAS REMAINED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY THAT IS NOT
20 A STATE TRUNK LINE HIGHWAY AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1 OF 1951 PA 51,
21 MCL 247.651, FOR A PERIOD OF 48 HOURS OR MORE WITHOUT THE
22 PERMISSION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT WITH CUSTODY OF THE PROPERTY.

23 (C) A VESSEL THAT MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

24 (i) IS STATIONARY ON A STATE TRUNK LINE HIGHWAY AS DESCRIBED IN
25 SECTION 1 OF 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.651.

26 (ii) IS NOT ON A MOTOR VEHICLE OR TRAILER AS DESCRIBED UNDER
27 SUBDIVISION (D) (i) .

1 (iii) IS NOT UNDER THE IMMEDIATE CUSTODY OF THE OWNER OR OWNER'S
2 AGENT.

3 (D) A VESSEL ON A MOTOR VEHICLE OR TRAILER IF THE MOTOR
4 VEHICLE OR TRAILER MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

5 (i) DISPLAYS A VALID REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THE MICHIGAN
6 VEHICLE CODE, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 TO 257.923.

7 (ii) HAS REMAINED PARKED ON A STATE TRUNK LINE HIGHWAY AS
8 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1 OF 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.651, FOR A PERIOD OF
9 18 HOURS OR MORE.

10 (iii) IS NOT UNDER THE IMMEDIATE CUSTODY OF THE OWNER OF THE
11 VESSEL, MOTOR VEHICLE, OR TRAILER OR THE OWNER'S AGENT.

12 (3) IF A VESSEL QUALIFIES AS ABANDONED UNDER SUBSECTION (2) (B)
13 OR (C), A POLICE AGENCY HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THE VESSEL OR THE
14 AGENCY'S DESIGNEE SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE VESSEL HAS BEEN
15 REPORTED STOLEN AND, IF THE VESSEL HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED STOLEN,
16 MAY HAVE A TOWING AGENCY TAKE THE VESSEL INTO CUSTODY.

17 (4) A POLICE AGENCY THAT HAS A VESSEL TAKEN INTO CUSTODY UNDER
18 SUBSECTION (3) OR THAT RECEIVES NOTICE OF A VESSEL TAKEN INTO
19 CUSTODY UNDER SUBSECTION (10) SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

20 (A) RECHECK TO DETERMINE IF THE VESSEL TAKEN INTO CUSTODY
21 UNDER SUBSECTION (3) OR CHECK IF THE VESSEL TAKEN INTO CUSTODY
22 UNDER SUBSECTION (10) HAS BEEN REPORTED STOLEN.

23 (B) IF THE VESSEL HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED STOLEN, WITHIN 24
24 HOURS AFTER THE VESSEL IS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, ENTER THE VESSEL IN
25 THE LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION NETWORK AS AN ABANDONED VESSEL AND
26 NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF STATE THROUGH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
27 INFORMATION NETWORK THAT THE VESSEL HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AS

1 ABANDONED. THE NOTIFICATION SHALL CONTAIN ALL OF THE FOLLOWING
2 INFORMATION:

3 (i) THE YEAR, MAKE, AND VESSEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE
4 VESSEL, IF AVAILABLE.

5 (ii) THE ADDRESS OR APPROXIMATE LOCATION FROM WHICH THE VESSEL
6 WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

7 (iii) THE DATE ON WHICH THE VESSEL WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

8 (iv) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE POLICE AGENCY.

9 (v) THE NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS OF THE CUSTODIAN OF THE
10 VESSEL.

11 (vi) THE NAME OF THE COURT THAT HAS JURISDICTION OVER THE CASE.

12 (5) WITHIN 7 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING NOTICE UNDER SUBSECTION
13 (4) (B) THAT A VESSEL HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AS ABANDONED, THE
14 SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL DO BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

15 (A) SEND TO THE LAST TITLED OWNER AND SECURED PARTY, AS SHOWN
16 BY THE RECORDS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, OR, IF THERE IS NO TITLED
17 OWNER, TO THE LAST REGISTERED OWNER, BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL OR
18 PERSONAL SERVICE, NOTICE THAT THE VESSEL IS CONSIDERED ABANDONED.
19 EACH NOTICE FORM SHALL CONTAIN ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

20 (i) THE YEAR, MAKE, AND VESSEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE
21 VESSEL, IF AVAILABLE.

22 (ii) THE ADDRESS OR APPROXIMATE LOCATION FROM WHICH THE VESSEL
23 WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

24 (iii) THE DATE ON WHICH THE VESSEL WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

25 (iv) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE POLICE AGENCY THAT HAD THE
26 VESSEL TAKEN INTO CUSTODY UNDER SUBSECTION (3) OR RECEIVED NOTICE
27 OF A VESSEL TAKEN INTO CUSTODY UNDER SUBSECTION (10).

1 (v) THE NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS OF THE CUSTODIAN OF THE
2 VESSEL.

3 (vi) THE PROCEDURE TO REDEEM THE VESSEL.

4 (vii) THE PROCEDURE TO CONTEST THE FACT THAT THE VESSEL IS
5 CONSIDERED ABANDONED OR THE REASONABLENESS OF THE TOWING FEES AND
6 DAILY STORAGE FEES.

7 (viii) A FORM PETITION THAT THE OWNER MAY FILE IN PERSON OR BY
8 MAIL WITH THE SPECIFIED COURT HAVING JURISDICTION TO REQUEST A
9 HEARING ON THE VALIDITY OF THE GROUNDS FOR TAKING CUSTODY OF THE
10 VESSEL.

11 (ix) A WARNING THAT IF THE VESSEL IS NOT REDEEMED OR A HEARING
12 REQUESTED WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE NOTICE, THE VESSEL
13 MAY BE SOLD AND ALL RIGHTS OF THE OWNER AND THE SECURED PARTY TO
14 THE VESSEL OR TO THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE TERMINATED.

15 (B) ENTER THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION (A) ON A
16 WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLIC USE IN
17 LOCATING VESSELS THAT ARE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY UNDER THIS SECTION AS
18 ABANDONED. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL MAINTAIN THE DATA ON THE
19 WEBSITE FOR 1 YEAR OR UNTIL THE VESSEL IS DISPOSED OF UNDER THIS
20 PART, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST.

21 (6) TO CONTEST WHETHER THE VESSEL IS ABANDONED OR, UNLESS THE
22 TOWING FEES AND DAILY STORAGE FEES ARE ESTABLISHED BY CONTRACT WITH
23 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT OR POLICE AGENCY AND COMPLY WITH
24 SECTION 80130M, THE REASONABLENESS OF THE TOWING FEES AND DAILY
25 STORAGE FEES, THE OWNER SHALL REQUEST A HEARING. A REQUEST FOR A
26 HEARING SHALL BE MADE BY FILING A PETITION WITH THE COURT SPECIFIED
27 IN THE NOTICE UNDER SUBSECTION (5) WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF

1 THE NOTICE UNDER SUBSECTION (5). IF THE OWNER REQUESTS A HEARING,
2 THE MATTER SHALL BE RESOLVED AFTER A HEARING CONDUCTED UNDER
3 SECTION 80130J. AN OWNER WHO REQUESTS A HEARING MAY REDEEM THE
4 VESSEL BY POSTING A TOWING AND STORAGE BOND WITH OR PAYING A FEE TO
5 THE COURT. THE BOND OR FEE SHALL BE EQUAL TO \$40.00 PLUS THE
6 ACCRUED TOWING AND STORAGE FEES.

7 (7) IF THE OWNER DOES NOT REQUEST A HEARING UNDER SUBSECTION
8 (6), HE OR SHE MAY REDEEM THE VESSEL BY PAYING A FEE OF \$40.00 AND
9 THE ACCRUED TOWING AND STORAGE FEES TO THE CUSTODIAN OF THE VESSEL.
10 THE CUSTODIAN OF THE VESSEL SHALL FORWARD \$25.00 OF THE FEE TO THE
11 SECRETARY OF STATE WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT, IN A MANNER
12 PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL
13 DEPOSIT THE \$25.00 INTO THE ABANDONED VESSEL, ORV, AND SNOWMOBILE
14 FUND CREATED IN SECTION 80130/.

15 (8) IF THE OWNER DOES NOT REDEEM THE VESSEL OR REQUEST A
16 HEARING WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE NOTICE UNDER
17 SUBSECTION (5) (A), THE SECURED PARTY MAY REDEEM THE VESSEL BY
18 PAYING A \$40.00 FEE PLUS THE ACCRUED CHARGES TO THE CUSTODIAN OF
19 THE VESSEL. THE CUSTODIAN OF THE VESSEL SHALL FORWARD \$25.00 OF THE
20 FEE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT, IN A
21 MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE SECRETARY OF STATE
22 SHALL DEPOSIT THAT PORTION OF THE FEE INTO THE ABANDONED VESSEL,
23 ORV, AND SNOWMOBILE FUND CREATED IN SECTION 80130/.

24 (9) IF A VESSEL IS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF
25 THE PROPERTY OWNER, THE OWNER OF THE PRIVATE PROPERTY MAY HAVE THE
26 VESSEL TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AS AN ABANDONED VESSEL BY CONTACTING A
27 LOCAL TOWING AGENCY. A LOCAL TOWING AGENCY IS A TOWING AGENCY WHOSE

1 STORAGE LOT IS LOCATED WITHIN 15 MILES FROM THE BORDER OF THE LOCAL
2 UNIT OF GOVERNMENT HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THE ABANDONED VESSEL.

3 (10) BEFORE REMOVING THE VESSEL FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY, THE
4 TOWING AGENCY CONTACTED UNDER SUBSECTION (9) SHALL PROVIDE
5 REASONABLE NOTICE BY TELEPHONE, OR OTHERWISE, TO A POLICE AGENCY
6 HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THE VESSEL THAT THE VESSEL IS BEING
7 REMOVED. THE POLICE AGENCY SHALL DETERMINE IF THE VESSEL HAS BEEN
8 REPORTED STOLEN, AND IF THE VESSEL HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED STOLEN,
9 COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (4) (B). VERIFICATION BY THE POLICE AGENCY OF
10 COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION IS NOT NECESSARY AND IS NOT A
11 PREDICATE TO ENTERING THE VESSEL IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION
12 NETWORK. SUBSECTIONS (5) TO (8) APPLY TO A VESSEL REMOVED FROM
13 PRIVATE PROPERTY.

14 (11) NOT LESS THAN 20 DAYS AFTER A DETERMINATION THAT THE
15 VESSEL IS ABANDONED IN A HEARING UNDER SUBSECTION (6) OR, IF A
16 HEARING IS NOT REQUESTED, NOT LESS THAN 20 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF
17 THE NOTICE, THE FOLLOWING SHALL OFFER THE VESSEL FOR SALE AT A
18 PUBLIC SALE UNDER SECTION 80130K:

19 (A) THE POLICE AGENCY, IF THE ABANDONED VESSEL IS FOUND ON
20 PUBLIC PROPERTY.

21 (B) THE CUSTODIAN OF THE VESSEL, IF THE VESSEL IS FOUND ON
22 PRIVATE PROPERTY.

23 (12) IF THE OWNERSHIP OF A VESSEL THAT IS CONSIDERED ABANDONED
24 UNDER THIS SECTION CANNOT BE DETERMINED EITHER BECAUSE OF THE
25 CONDITION OF THE VESSEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS OR BECAUSE A CHECK
26 WITH THE RECORDS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION
27 80310 DOES NOT REVEAL OWNERSHIP, THE POLICE AGENCY MAY SELL THE

1 VESSEL AT PUBLIC SALE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 80130K NOT LESS THAN
2 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE SALE HAS BEEN PUBLISHED.

3 SEC. 80130G. (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

4 (A) "REGISTERED ABANDONED SCRAP VESSEL" MEANS A VESSEL THAT
5 MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

6 (i) IS 7 OR MORE YEARS OLD.

7 (ii) IS APPARENTLY INOPERABLE OR IS DAMAGED, TO THE EXTENT THAT
8 THE COST OF REPAIRING THE VESSEL TO MAKE IT OPERATIONAL AND SAFE
9 WOULD EXCEED THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THAT VESSEL.

10 (iii) IS CURRENTLY REGISTERED OR TITLED IN THIS STATE OR
11 DISPLAYS A CURRENT YEAR REGISTRATION OR CURRENT YEAR REGISTRATION
12 DECAL FROM ANOTHER STATE.

13 (B) "UNREGISTERED ABANDONED SCRAP VESSEL" MEANS A VESSEL THAT
14 MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

15 (i) IS APPARENTLY INOPERABLE OR IS DAMAGED, TO THE EXTENT THAT
16 THE COST OF REPAIRING THE VESSEL TO MAKE IT OPERATIONAL AND SAFE
17 WOULD EXCEED THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THAT VESSEL.

18 (ii) IS NOT CURRENTLY REGISTERED OR TITLED IN THIS STATE AND
19 DOES NOT DISPLAY A CURRENT YEAR REGISTRATION OR CURRENT YEAR
20 REGISTRATION DECAL FROM ANOTHER STATE.

21 (2) A POLICE AGENCY OR THE AGENCY'S DESIGNEE OR, IF THE VESSEL
22 IS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, THE PROPERTY OWNER MAY HAVE AN UNREGISTERED
23 ABANDONED SCRAP VESSEL TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, IN WHICH CASE THE POLICE
24 AGENCY SHALL DETERMINE IF THE VESSEL HAS BEEN REPORTED STOLEN. IF
25 THE VESSEL HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED STOLEN, THE POLICE AGENCY SHALL DO
26 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

27 (A) TAKE 2 PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE VESSEL.

1 (B) MAKE A REPORT TO SUBSTANTIATE THE VESSEL AS AN
2 UNREGISTERED ABANDONED SCRAP VESSEL. THE REPORT SHALL CONTAIN THE
3 FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

4 (i) THE YEAR, MAKE, AND VESSEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, IF
5 AVAILABLE, AND A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE VESSEL.

6 (ii) THE DATE OF ABANDONMENT.

7 (iii) THE LOCATION OF ABANDONMENT.

8 (iv) A DETAILED LISTING OF THE DAMAGE OR THE MISSING EQUIPMENT.

9 (v) THE REPORTING OFFICER'S NAME AND TITLE.

10 (vi) THE LOCATION WHERE THE VESSEL IS BEING HELD.

11 (C) WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER TAKING THE VESSEL INTO CUSTODY,
12 ENTER THE VESSEL IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION NETWORK AS AN
13 ABANDONED VESSEL.

14 (3) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL FURNISH THE POLICE AGENCY
15 WITH A RELEASE FORM THAT INCLUDES A CERTIFICATION THAT THE POLICE
16 AGENCY HAS COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (2) (A) AND
17 (B) .

18 (4) IF THE POLICE AGENCY DETERMINED UNDER SUBSECTION (2) THAT
19 A VESSEL WAS NOT REPORTED STOLEN, THEN WITHIN 24 HOURS, EXCLUDING
20 SATURDAY, SUNDAY, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS, AFTER TAKING THE VESSEL INTO
21 CUSTODY, THE POLICE AGENCY OR THE AGENCY'S DESIGNEE SHALL COMPLETE
22 A RELEASE FORM AND CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE THE VESSEL TO THE
23 TOWING SERVICE.

24 (5) THE TOWING SERVICE SHALL COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATE OF
25 SCRAPPING ON THE BACK OF THE RELEASE FORM AND TRANSFER THE FORM TO
26 AND DISPOSE OF THE VESSEL WITH A SCRAP METAL PROCESSOR OR LANDFILL
27 OPERATOR. THE SCRAP METAL PROCESSOR OR LANDFILL OPERATOR SHALL

1 TRANSFER THE FORM TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

2 (6) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL RETAIN THE RECORDS RELATING
3 TO AN ABANDONED SCRAP VESSEL FOR NOT LESS THAN 2 YEARS. THE POLICE
4 AGENCY OR THE AGENCY'S DESIGNEE SHALL RETAIN THE 2 PHOTOGRAPHS
5 TAKEN UNDER SUBSECTION (2) (A) FOR NOT LESS THAN 2 YEARS. AFTER THE
6 CERTIFICATE OF SCRAPPING HAS BEEN ISSUED, THE SECRETARY OF STATE
7 SHALL NOT REISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR THE VESSEL.

8 (7) A POLICE AGENCY OR THE AGENCY'S DESIGNEE OR, IF THE VESSEL
9 IS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, THE PROPERTY OWNER MAY HAVE A REGISTERED
10 ABANDONED SCRAP VESSEL TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, IN WHICH CASE THE POLICE
11 AGENCY SHALL DETERMINE IF THE VESSEL HAS BEEN REPORTED STOLEN. IF
12 THE VESSEL HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED STOLEN, THE POLICE AGENCY SHALL DO
13 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

14 (A) TAKE 2 PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE VESSEL.

15 (B) MAKE A REPORT TO SUBSTANTIATE THE VESSEL AS A REGISTERED
16 ABANDONED SCRAP VESSEL. THE REPORT SHALL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING
17 INFORMATION:

18 (i) THE YEAR, MAKE, AND VESSEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, IF
19 AVAILABLE.

20 (ii) THE DATE OF ABANDONMENT.

21 (iii) THE LOCATION OF ABANDONMENT.

22 (iv) A DETAILED LISTING OF THE DAMAGE OR THE MISSING EQUIPMENT.

23 (v) THE REPORTING OFFICER'S NAME AND TITLE.

24 (vi) THE LOCATION WHERE THE VESSEL IS BEING HELD.

25 (C) WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER TAKING THE VESSEL INTO CUSTODY,
26 CAUSE THE VESSEL TO BE ENTERED IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION
27 NETWORK AS ABANDONED.

1 (8) IF THE POLICE AGENCY DETERMINED UNDER SUBSECTION (7) THAT
2 A VESSEL WAS NOT REPORTED STOLEN, WITHIN 7 DAYS AFTER THE VESSEL IS
3 TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL SEND TO THE LAST
4 TITLED OR REGISTERED OWNER AND SECURED PARTY, AS SHOWN BY THE
5 RECORDS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL OR PERSONAL
6 SERVICE, NOTICE THAT THE VESSEL IS CONSIDERED ABANDONED. THE FORM
7 FOR THE NOTICE SHALL BE FURNISHED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE. EACH
8 NOTICE FORM SHALL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

9 (A) THE YEAR, MAKE, AND VESSEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE
10 VESSEL, IF AVAILABLE.

11 (B) THE ADDRESS OR APPROXIMATE LOCATION FROM WHICH THE VESSEL
12 WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

13 (C) THE DATE ON WHICH THE VESSEL WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

14 (D) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE POLICE AGENCY THAT HAD THE
15 VESSEL TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, IF APPLICABLE.

16 (E) THE NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS OF THE CUSTODIAN OF THE
17 VESSEL.

18 (F) THE PROCEDURE TO REDEEM THE VESSEL.

19 (G) THE NAME OF THE COURT THAT HAS JURISDICTION OF THE CASE.

20 (H) THE PROCEDURE TO CONTEST WHETHER THE VESSEL IS ABANDONED
21 OR THE REASONABLENESS OF THE TOWING FEES AND DAILY STORAGE FEES.

22 (I) A FORM THAT THE OWNER MAY FILE IN PERSON OR BY MAIL WITH
23 THE SPECIFIED COURT THAT REQUESTS A HEARING ON THE CUSTODY OF THE
24 VESSEL.

25 (J) A WARNING THAT IF THE VESSEL IS NOT REDEEMED OR A HEARING
26 REQUESTED WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE NOTICE, THE VESSEL
27 MAY BE SOLD AND ALL RIGHTS OF THE OWNER AND THE SECURED PARTY TO

1 THE VESSEL OR THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE TERMINATED.

2 (9) TO CONTEST DESIGNATION OF THE REGISTERED VESSEL AS AN
3 ABANDONED SCRAP VESSEL OR, UNLESS THE TOWING FEES AND DAILY STORAGE
4 FEES ARE ESTABLISHED BY CONTRACT WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT
5 OR POLICE AGENCY AND COMPLY WITH SECTION 80130M, THE REASONABLENESS
6 OF THE TOWING FEES AND DAILY STORAGE FEES THE REGISTERED OWNER
7 SHALL REQUEST A HEARING. A REQUEST FOR A HEARING SHALL BE MADE BY
8 FILING A PETITION WITH THE COURT SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE UNDER
9 SUBSECTION (8) WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE NOTICE. IF THE
10 OWNER REQUESTS A HEARING, THE MATTER SHALL BE RESOLVED AFTER A
11 HEARING CONDUCTED UNDER SECTION 80130J. AN OWNER WHO REQUESTS A
12 HEARING MAY REDEEM THE VESSEL BY POSTING A TOWING AND STORAGE BOND
13 WITH OR PAYING A FEE TO THE COURT. THE BOND OR FEE SHALL EQUAL
14 \$40.00 PLUS THE ACCRUED TOWING AND STORAGE FEES.

15 (10) IF THE OWNER DOES NOT REQUEST A HEARING UNDER SUBSECTION
16 (9), HE OR SHE MAY REDEEM THE VESSEL BY PAYING A FEE OF \$40.00 PLUS
17 THE ACCRUED CHARGES TO THE CUSTODIAN OF THE VESSEL. WITHIN 30 DAYS
18 AFTER RECEIPT OF A FEE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE CUSTODIAN SHALL
19 FORWARD \$25.00 OF THE FEE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN A MANNER
20 PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL
21 DEPOSIT THE FEE INTO THE ABANDONED VESSEL, ORV, AND SNOWMOBILE FUND
22 CREATED IN SECTION 80130I.

23 (11) IF THE OWNER DOES NOT REDEEM THE VESSEL OR REQUEST A
24 HEARING WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE NOTICE UNDER
25 SUBSECTION (8), THE SECURED PARTY MAY REDEEM THE VESSEL BY PAYING
26 AN ABANDONED VESSEL FEE OF \$40.00 PLUS THE ACCRUED CHARGES TO THE
27 CUSTODIAN OF THE VESSEL. WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE RECEIPT OF THE

1 FEE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE CUSTODIAN SHALL FORWARD \$25.00 OF
2 THE FEE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE
3 SECRETARY OF STATE. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL DEPOSIT THE FEE
4 INTO THE ABANDONED VESSEL, ORV, AND SNOWMOBILE FUND CREATED IN
5 SECTION 80130I.

6 (12) NOT LESS THAN 20 DAYS AFTER A DETERMINATION THAT THE
7 VESSEL IS ABANDONED IN A HEARING DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (9) OR, IF
8 A HEARING IS NOT REQUESTED, NOT LESS THAN 20 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF
9 THE NOTICE UNDER SUBSECTION (8), THE POLICE AGENCY OR THE AGENCY'S
10 DESIGNEE, SCRAP METAL PROCESSOR OR LANDFILL OPERATOR, AND SECRETARY
11 OF STATE SHALL FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTIONS (3)
12 TO (6).

13 SEC. 80130H. (1) AFTER DETERMINING UNDER SUBSECTION (3) THAT A
14 VESSEL HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED STOLEN, A POLICE AGENCY OR A
15 GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY DESIGNATED BY THE POLICE AGENCY MAY PROVIDE FOR
16 THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF A VESSEL FROM PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY
17 TO A PLACE OF SAFEKEEPING AT THE EXPENSE OF THE LAST TITLED OWNER
18 OR, IF THERE IS NO TITLED OWNER, THE LAST REGISTERED OWNER OF THE
19 VESSEL IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:

20 (A) THE VESSEL IS IN SUCH A CONDITION THAT THE OPERATION OF
21 THE VESSEL WOULD CONSTITUTE AN IMMEDIATE HAZARD TO THE PUBLIC.

22 (B) THE VESSEL IS PARKED OR STANDING UPON A HIGHWAY, ROAD, OR
23 STREET IN A MANNER THAT CREATES AN IMMEDIATE PUBLIC HAZARD OR AN
24 OBSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC.

25 (C) THE VESSEL IS PARKED IN A POSTED TOW-AWAY ZONE.

26 (D) THERE IS REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT THE VESSEL OR
27 ANY PART OF THE VESSEL IS STOLEN.

1 (E) THE VESSEL MUST BE SEIZED TO PRESERVE EVIDENCE OF A CRIME
2 OR BECAUSE THERE IS REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT THE VESSEL WAS
3 USED IN THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME.

4 (F) REMOVAL IS NECESSARY IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY
5 BECAUSE OF FIRE, FLOOD, STORM, SNOW, NATURAL OR MAN-MADE DISASTER,
6 OR OTHER EMERGENCY.

7 (G) THE VESSEL IS INTERFERING WITH THE OWNER'S OR OWNER'S
8 AGENT'S USE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY OR IS PARKED IN A MANNER THAT
9 IMPEDES THE MOVEMENT OF ANOTHER VESSEL OR VEHICLE.

10 (H) THE VESSEL IS STOPPED, STANDING, OR PARKED IN A SPACE
11 DESIGNATED AS PARKING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND IS NOT
12 PERMITTED BY LAW TO BE STOPPED, STANDING, OR PARKED IN A SPACE
13 DESIGNATED AS PARKING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

14 (I) THE VESSEL IS LOCATED IN A CLEARLY IDENTIFIED ACCESS AISLE
15 OR ACCESS LANE IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO A SPACE DESIGNATED AS
16 PARKING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

17 (J) THE VESSEL IS INTERFERING WITH THE USE OF A RAMP OR A
18 CURB-CUT BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

19 (K) THE VESSEL HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN A CRASH AND CANNOT BE
20 SAFELY OPERATED TO REMOVE IT FROM THE SCENE OF THE CRASH.

21 (L) THE VESSEL IS SUBMERGED IN, PARTIALLY SUBMERGED IN, OR
22 FLOATING UNANCHORED OR UNTETHERED UPON A PUBLIC WATERWAY.

23 (2) UNLESS THE VESSEL IS ORDERED TO BE TOWED BY A POLICE
24 AGENCY OR A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY DESIGNATED BY A POLICE AGENCY UNDER
25 SUBSECTION (1) (A), (D), (E), OR (K), IF THE OWNER OR OTHER PERSON
26 WHO IS LEGALLY ENTITLED TO POSSESS A VESSEL TO BE TOWED OR REMOVED
27 ARRIVES AT THE VESSEL'S LOCATION BEFORE THE ACTUAL TOWING OR

1 REMOVAL OF THE VESSEL, THE VESSEL SHALL BE DISCONNECTED FROM THE
2 TOW TRUCK OR OTHER TOWING VEHICLE, AND THE OWNER OR OTHER PERSON
3 WHO IS LEGALLY ENTITLED TO POSSESS THE VESSEL MAY TAKE POSSESSION
4 OF THE VESSEL AND REMOVE IT WITHOUT INTERFERENCE UPON THE PAYMENT
5 OF THE REASONABLE SERVICE FEE TO THE TOWING AGENCY, FOR WHICH THE
6 TOWING AGENCY SHALL PROVIDE A RECEIPT.

7 (3) BEFORE AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF A VESSEL UNDER
8 SUBSECTION (1), A POLICE AGENCY SHALL CHECK TO DETERMINE IF THE
9 VESSEL HAS BEEN REPORTED STOLEN. EXCEPT FOR VESSELS REMOVED UNDER
10 SUBSECTION (1) (D), (E), OR (K), THE POLICE AGENCY SHALL ENTER THE
11 VESSEL IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION NETWORK AS ABANDONED NOT
12 LESS THAN 7 DAYS AFTER AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL AND THE PROCEDURES
13 SET FORTH IN SECTION 80130F APPLY.

14 (4) THE TOWING AGENCY OR CUSTODIAN SHALL NOT RELEASE TO THE
15 VESSEL OWNER A VESSEL REMOVED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) (D), (E), OR (K)
16 UNLESS THE RELEASE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE POLICE AGENCY THAT
17 AUTHORIZED THE REMOVAL.

18 (5) NOT LESS THAN 20 DAYS BUT NOT MORE THAN 30 DAYS AFTER A
19 VESSEL HAS BEEN RELEASED BY THE POLICE AGENCY UNDER SUBSECTION (4),
20 THE TOWING AGENCY OR CUSTODIAN SHALL NOTIFY THE POLICE AGENCY TO
21 ENTER THE VESSEL IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION NETWORK AS
22 ABANDONED AND THE POLICE AGENCY SHALL FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES SET
23 FORTH IN SECTION 80130F IF THE IMPOUNDED VESSEL HAS NOT BEEN
24 REDEEMED.

25 SEC. 80130I. (1) THE FOLLOWING COURTS HAVE JURISDICTION TO
26 DETERMINE IF A POLICE AGENCY, TOWING AGENCY OR CUSTODIAN, OR
27 PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER HAS ACTED PROPERLY IN REPORTING OR

1 PROCESSING A VESSEL UNDER SECTION 80130F, 80130G(7) TO (12), OR
2 80130H:

3 (A) THE DISTRICT COURT.

4 (B) A MUNICIPAL COURT.

5 (2) THE COURT SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE PRESCRIBED IN SECTION
6 80130F(4) (B) OR 80130G(8) SHALL BE THE COURT THAT HAS TERRITORIAL
7 JURISDICTION AT THE LOCATION FROM WHICH THE VESSEL WAS REMOVED OR
8 WHERE IT WAS ABANDONED. VENUE IN THE DISTRICT COURT IS GOVERNED BY
9 SECTION 8312 OF THE REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961, 1961 PA 236,
10 MCL 600.8312.

11 (3) IF THE OWNER FAILS TO PAY THE ACCRUED TOWING AND STORAGE
12 FEES, THE TOWING AND STORAGE BOND POSTED WITH THE COURT TO SECURE
13 REDEMPTION OF THE VESSEL UNDER SECTION 80130F OR 80130G SHALL BE
14 USED TO PAY THE TOWING AND STORAGE FEES.

15 (4) THE REMEDIES UNDER SECTIONS 80130F TO 80130P ARE THE
16 EXCLUSIVE REMEDIES FOR THE DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED VESSELS.

17 SEC. 80130J. (1) UPON THE FILING OF A PETITION PRESCRIBED IN
18 SECTION 80130F OR 80130G, SIGNED BY THE OWNER OF THE VESSEL THAT
19 HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, THE COURT SHALL DO BOTH OF THE
20 FOLLOWING:

21 (A) SCHEDULE A HEARING WITHIN 30 DAYS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
22 DETERMINING WHETHER THE POLICE AGENCY, TOWING AGENCY OR CUSTODIAN,
23 OR PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER ACTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PART.

24 (B) NOTIFY THE OWNER, TOWING AGENCY OR CUSTODIAN, POLICE
25 AGENCY, AND, IF THE VESSEL WAS REMOVED FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY, THE
26 PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE HEARING.

27 (2) AT THE HEARING SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1), THE POLICE

1 AGENCY, TOWING AGENCY OR CUSTODIAN, AND, IF THE VESSEL WAS REMOVED
2 FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY, THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER HAVE THE BURDEN
3 OF SHOWING BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE THAT THEY HAVE
4 COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT IN REPORTING OR
5 PROCESSING THE ABANDONED VESSEL OR VESSEL REMOVED UNDER SECTION
6 80130H.

7 (3) AFTER THE HEARING, THE COURT SHALL MAKE A DECISION THAT
8 INCLUDES 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

9 (A) A FINDING THAT THE POLICE AGENCY COMPLIED WITH THE
10 PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED FOR THE PROCESSING OF AN ABANDONED VESSEL OR
11 A VESSEL REMOVED UNDER SECTION 80130F, 80130G, OR 80130H, AND AN
12 ORDER PROVIDING A PERIOD OF 20 DAYS AFTER THE DECISION FOR THE
13 OWNER TO REDEEM THE VESSEL. IF THE OWNER DOES NOT REDEEM THE VESSEL
14 WITHIN 20 DAYS, THE POLICE AGENCY SHALL DISPOSE OF THE VESSEL UNDER
15 SECTION 80130G OR 80130K. WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE COURT'S
16 DECISION, THE COURT SHALL FORWARD \$25.00 OF THE FEE COLLECTED UNDER
17 SECTION 80130G OR 80130K TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN A MANNER
18 PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE TOWING AND STORAGE FEES
19 AND \$15.00 OF THE FEE COLLECTED UNDER SECTION 80130G OR 80130K
20 SHALL BE FORWARDED TO THE TOWING AGENCY.

21 (B) A FINDING THAT THE POLICE AGENCY DID NOT COMPLY WITH THE
22 PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED FOR THE PROCESSING OF AN ABANDONED VESSEL OR
23 A VESSEL REMOVED UNDER SECTION 80130F, 80130G, OR 80130H AND
24 DIRECTING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

25 (i) THAT THE VESSEL IMMEDIATELY BE RELEASED TO THE OWNER.

26 (ii) THAT THE POLICE AGENCY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCRUED
27 TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES.

1 (iii) THAT ANY FEE OR BOND POSTED BY THE OWNER BE RETURNED.

2 (C) A FINDING THAT THE TOWING FEES AND DAILY STORAGE FEES WERE
3 REASONABLE.

4 (D) A FINDING THAT THE TOWING FEES AND DAILY STORAGE FEES WERE
5 UNREASONABLE AND DIRECTING THE TOWING AGENCY OR CUSTODIAN OF THE
6 VESSEL TO PROVIDE THE LAST TITLED OWNER OR, IF THERE IS NO TITLED
7 OWNER, THE LAST REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VESSEL WITH AN APPROPRIATE
8 REDUCTION OR REFUND.

9 (E) A FINDING THAT THE OWNER OF THE REAL PROPERTY COMPLIED
10 WITH SECTION 801300, IF APPLICABLE.

11 (F) A FINDING THAT THE OWNER OF THE REAL PROPERTY DID NOT
12 COMPLY WITH SECTION 801300, IF APPLICABLE, AND AN ORDER REQUIRING
13 THE OWNER OF THE REAL PROPERTY TO REIMBURSE THE LAST TITLED OWNER
14 OF THE VESSEL FOR THE ACCRUED TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES.

15 (G) A FINDING THAT THE TOWING AGENCY DID NOT COMPLY WITH THE
16 PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED FOR THE PROPER REMOVAL AND REPORTING OF A
17 VESSEL REMOVED UNDER SECTION 80130F, 80130G, OR 80130H AND AN ORDER
18 DIRECTING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

19 (i) THAT THE VESSEL IMMEDIATELY BE RELEASED TO THE OWNER.

20 (ii) THAT THE TOWING AGENCY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCRUED
21 TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES.

22 (iii) THAT ANY FEE OR BOND POSTED BY THE OWNER BE RETURNED.

23 (H) A FINDING THAT THE TOWING AGENCY DID COMPLY WITH THE
24 PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED FOR THE PROPER REMOVAL AND REPORTING OF A
25 VESSEL REMOVED UNDER SECTION 80130F, 80130G, OR 80130H.

26 SEC. 80130K. (1) A PUBLIC SALE FOR A VESSEL, AND ITS CONTENTS,
27 THAT HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE ABANDONED UNDER SECTION 80130F OR

1 80197 OR REMOVED UNDER SECTION 80130H SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE
2 FOLLOWING:

3 (A) BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE POLICE AGENCY OR, IF THE
4 VESSEL IS BEING SOLD UNDER SECTION 80130F(11), THE CUSTODIAN OF THE
5 VESSEL. HOWEVER, A POLICE AGENCY MAY DESIGNATE THE CUSTODIAN OF THE
6 VESSEL OR A THIRD PARTY TO CONDUCT THE AUCTION.

7 (B) BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND CONSIST OF OPEN AUCTION BIDDING
8 OR BIDDING BY SEALED BIDS. IF SEALED BIDS ARE RECEIVED, THE POLICE
9 AGENCY OR THE AGENCY'S DESIGNEE OR, IF THE VESSEL IS BEING SOLD
10 UNDER SECTION 80130F(11), THE CUSTODIAN OF THE VESSEL SHALL PROVIDE
11 THE PERSON SUBMITTING A BID WITH A RECEIPT FOR THE BID.

12 (C) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION 80130F(11) AND
13 (12), BE HELD NOT LESS THAN 5 DAYS AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE SALE
14 HAS BEEN PUBLISHED. THE PUBLIC NOTICE SHALL BE PUBLISHED AT LEAST
15 ONCE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING A GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE COUNTY
16 IN WHICH THE VESSEL WAS ABANDONED OR ON A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE
17 WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE PUBLIC NOTICE
18 SHALL GIVE A DESCRIPTION OF THE VESSEL FOR SALE AND SHALL STATE THE
19 TIME, DATE, AND LOCATION OF THE SALE.

20 (2) THE MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC SALE OF THE VESSEL
21 SHALL BE APPLIED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER OF PRIORITY:

22 (A) ACCRUED TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES. IF THE MONEY RECEIVED
23 FROM THE PUBLIC SALE DOES NOT SATISFY THE ACCRUED TOWING AND
24 STORAGE CHARGES, THE TOWING COMPANY MAY COLLECT THE BALANCE OF
25 THOSE UNPAID FEES FROM THE LAST TITLED OWNER OR, IF THERE IS NO
26 TITLED OWNER, THE LAST REGISTERED OWNER, SUBJECT TO SECTION
27 80130M(2) AND (3).

1 (B) EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE POLICE AGENCY OR THE CUSTODIAN OF
2 THE VESSEL, FOR DISPOSITION AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 80130J(3) (A) .

3 (C) PAYMENT OF THE \$40.00 IN FEES UNDER SECTION 80130J(3) (A) .

4 (D) SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY'S UNCLAIMED PROPERTY
5 DIVISION TO BE DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:

6 (i) TO THE SECURED PARTY, IF ANY, IN THE AMOUNT OF THE DEBT
7 OUTSTANDING ON THE VESSEL.

8 (ii) REMAINDER TO THE OWNER. A REASONABLE ATTEMPT SHALL BE MADE
9 TO MAIL THE REMAINDER TO THE LAST TITLED OWNER OR, IF THERE IS NO
10 TITLED OWNER, THE LAST REGISTERED OWNER. IF DELIVERY OF THE
11 REMAINDER CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED, THE REMAINDER SHALL BECOME THE
12 PROPERTY OF THE LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT WHOSE POLICE AGENCY
13 ENTERED THE VESSEL IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION NETWORK.

14 (3) IF THERE ARE NO BIDDERS ON THE VESSEL, THE POLICE AGENCY
15 OR THE CUSTODIAN OF THE VESSEL MAY DO 1 OF THE FOLLOWING:

16 (A) TURN THE VESSEL OVER TO THE TOWING FIRM OR THE CUSTODIAN
17 OF THE VESSEL TO SATISFY CHARGES AGAINST THE VESSEL BY COMPLETING
18 THE RELEASE FORM UNDER SECTION 80130G. HOWEVER, IF THE VALUE OF THE
19 VESSEL DOES NOT SATISFY THE TOWING FEES AND ACCRUED DAILY STORAGE
20 FEES, THE CUSTODIAN OF THE VESSEL MAY COLLECT THE BALANCE OF THOSE
21 UNPAID FEES FROM THE LAST TITLED OWNER OR, IF THERE IS NO TITLED
22 OWNER, THE LAST REGISTERED OWNER, SUBJECT TO SECTION 80130M.

23 (B) OBTAIN TITLE TO THE VESSEL FOR THE POLICE AGENCY OR THE
24 UNIT OF GOVERNMENT THE POLICE AGENCY REPRESENTS, BY DOING BOTH OF
25 THE FOLLOWING:

26 (i) PAYING THE TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES.

27 (ii) APPLYING FOR TITLE TO THE VESSEL.

1 (C) HOLDING ANOTHER PUBLIC SALE UNDER SUBSECTION (1).

2 (4) UPON DISPOSITION OF THE VESSEL, THE POLICE AGENCY OR
3 TOWING AGENCY OR CUSTODIAN SHALL PROVIDE THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND
4 THE POLICE AGENCY, IF THAT POLICE AGENCY DID NOT CONDUCT THE SALE,
5 WITH THE VESSEL'S DISPOSITION AND THE NAME OF THE AGENCY THAT
6 DISPOSED OF IT AND THE POLICE AGENCY SHALL CANCEL THE ENTRY IN THE
7 LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION NETWORK UNDER SECTION 80130F OR 80130H,
8 IF APPLICABLE.

9 (5) IF BY 25 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER
10 SECTION 80130F THE POLICE AGENCY HAS NOT PROVIDED A COPY OF THE
11 BILL OF SALE BY THE POLICE AGENCY FOR THE ABANDONED VESSEL TO THE
12 TOWING AGENCY OR CUSTODIAN OR POLICE AGENCY'S DESIGNEE, THE TOWING
13 AGENCY OR CUSTODIAN OR POLICE AGENCY DESIGNEE MAY OBTAIN AN
14 ORIGINAL OF THE BILL OF SALE BY SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION TO THE
15 SECRETARY OF STATE IN A FORM AS DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF
16 STATE.

17 SEC. 80130I. (1) THE ABANDONED VESSEL, ORV, AND SNOWMOBILE FUND
18 IS CREATED WITHIN THE STATE TREASURY.

19 (2) THE STATE TREASURER MAY RECEIVE MONEY OR OTHER ASSETS FROM
20 ANY SOURCE FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE FUND. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL
21 DIRECT THE INVESTMENT OF THE FUND. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT
22 TO THE FUND INTEREST AND OTHER EARNINGS FROM FUND INVESTMENTS.

23 (3) MONEY IN THE FUND AT THE CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR SHALL
24 REMAIN IN THE FUND AND SHALL NOT LAPSE TO THE GENERAL FUND.

25 (4) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SHALL BE THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
26 FUND FOR AUDITING PURPOSES.

27 (5) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SHALL EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND,

1 UPON APPROPRIATION, TO ADMINISTER SECTIONS 80130F TO 80130P, 81151,
2 AND 82161 AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT RELATING TO ABANDONED
3 VESSELS, ORVS AND SNOWMOBILES.

4 SEC. 80130M. (1) A TOWING SERVICE, CUSTODIAN OF A VESSEL, OR
5 BOTH, MAY RECOVER TOWING FEES OR, SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (2),
6 STORAGE FEES FROM THE LAST TITLED OWNER OR, IF THERE IS NO TITLED
7 OWNER, THE LAST REGISTERED OWNER OF A VESSEL CONSIDERED ABANDONED
8 UNDER SECTION 80130F OR SECTION 80130G OR REMOVED UNDER SECTION
9 80130H.

10 (2) IF A VESSEL IS RELEASED FOR DISPOSITION UNDER SECTION
11 80130G OR SECTION 80130K, THE AMOUNT OF STORAGE FEES THAT MAY BE
12 COLLECTED IS THE LEAST OF THE FOLLOWING:

13 (A) THE DAILY STORAGE RATE ESTABLISHED BY CONTRACT OR
14 AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR UNIT OF GOVERNMENT
15 THAT AUTHORIZED THE TOWING AND STORAGE OF THE VESSEL.

16 (B) THE DAILY STORAGE RATE CHARGED BY THE STORAGE FACILITY.

17 (C) \$1,000.00.

18 (3) SUBSECTION (2) DOES NOT APPLY TO A COMMERCIAL VESSEL OR A
19 VESSEL THAT IS OWNED OR LEASED BY AN ENTITY OTHER THAN AN
20 INDIVIDUAL.

21 SEC. 80130N. SECTIONS 80130F AND 80130G DO NOT APPLY TO A
22 VESSEL THAT IS OWNED BY THE PERSON WHO OWNS THE PRIVATE REAL
23 PROPERTY ON WHICH THE VESSEL IS LOCATED AND DO NOT PROHIBIT OR
24 PREEMPT A LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT FROM REGULATING THE NUMBER AND
25 PLACEMENT OF VESSELS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

26 SEC. 80130O. (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SECTION
27 80130P, AN OWNER OR LESSOR OF PRIVATE REAL PROPERTY SHALL POST A

1 NOTICE BEFORE AUTHORIZING THE TOWING OR REMOVAL OF A VESSEL FROM
2 THE REAL PROPERTY WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE OWNER OR OTHER PERSON
3 WHO IS LEGALLY ENTITLED TO POSSESS THE VESSEL. THE NOTICE SHALL
4 MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

5 (A) BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED AT EACH POINT OF ENTRY FOR
6 VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE REAL PROPERTY. IF THE REAL PROPERTY LACKS
7 CURBS OR ACCESS BARRIERS, NOT LESS THAN 1 NOTICE SHALL BE POSTED
8 FOR EACH 100 FEET OF ROAD FRONTAGE.

9 (B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (2), CLEARLY INDICATE IN LETTERS NOT
10 LESS THAN 2 INCHES HIGH ON A CONTRASTING BACKGROUND THAT
11 UNAUTHORIZED VESSELS WILL BE TOWED AWAY AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE.

12 (C) PROVIDE THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE TOWING
13 SERVICE RESPONSIBLE FOR TOWING OR REMOVING VESSELS FROM THAT
14 PROPERTY.

15 (D) BE PERMANENTLY INSTALLED WITH THE BOTTOM OF THE NOTICE
16 LOCATED NOT LESS THAN 4 FEET FROM THE GROUND AND CONTINUOUSLY
17 MAINTAINED ON THE PROPERTY FOR NOT LESS THAN 24 HOURS BEFORE A
18 VESSEL IS TOWED OR REMOVED.

19 (2) INSTEAD OF "VESSELS", THE SIGN REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION
20 (1) MAY USE THE TERM "VEHICLES", WHICH SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO GIVE
21 NOTICE THAT VEHICLES AS DEFINED IN SECTION 79 OF THE MICHIGAN
22 VEHICLE CODE, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.79, AS WELL AS VESSELS, MAY BE
23 TOWED.

24 SEC. 80130P. SECTION 80130O DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY OF THE
25 FOLLOWING:

26 (A) REAL PROPERTY THAT IS APPURTENANT TO AND OBVIOUSLY PART OF
27 A SINGLE- OR DUAL-FAMILY RESIDENCE.

1 (B) IF NOTICE OF BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING IS PERSONALLY GIVEN TO
2 THE OWNER OR OTHER PERSON LEGALLY ENTITLED TO CONTROL OF A VESSEL:

3 (i) THAT THE AREA WHERE THE VESSEL IS PARKED IS RESERVED OR
4 OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE TO UNAUTHORIZED VESSELS.

5 (ii) THAT THE VESSEL IS SUBJECT TO TOWING OR REMOVAL FROM THE
6 PRIVATE REAL PROPERTY WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE VESSEL OWNER OR
7 OTHER PERSON LEGALLY ENTITLED TO CONTROL OF THE VESSEL.

8 (C) A VESSEL REMOVED FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY UNDER SECTION
9 80130H.

10 SEC. 81151. (1) A PERSON SHALL NOT ABANDON AN ORV IN THIS
11 STATE.

12 (2) THE LAST TITLED OWNER OF THE ORV IS PRESUMED TO BE
13 RESPONSIBLE FOR ABANDONING THE ORV UNLESS THE PERSON PROVIDES A
14 RECORD OF THE TRANSFER OF THE ORV TO ANOTHER PERSON. THE RECORD OF
15 TRANSFER MUST BE EITHER A PHOTOCOPY OF THE REASSIGNED TITLE OR A
16 FORM OR DOCUMENT THAT INCLUDES THE TRANSFEREE'S NAME, ADDRESS,
17 DRIVER LICENSE NUMBER, AND SIGNATURE, THE DATE OF TRANSFER OF THE
18 ORV, AND, IF APPLICABLE, THE SALE PRICE.

19 (3) SECTIONS 80130F(2) TO 80130P APPLY TO AN ORV IN THE SAME
20 MANNER AS THOSE PROVISIONS APPLY TO A VESSEL.

21 (4) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (1) AND WHO FAILS TO
22 REDEEM THE ORV BEFORE DISPOSITION OF THE ORV UNDER SECTION 80130K
23 IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A CIVIL INFRACTION AND SHALL BE ORDERED TO PAY A
24 CIVIL FINE OF \$50.00.

25 SEC. 82161. (1) A PERSON SHALL NOT ABANDON A SNOWMOBILE IN
26 THIS STATE.

27 (2) THE LAST REGISTERED OWNER OF THE SNOWMOBILE IS PRESUMED TO

1 BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ABANDONING THE SNOWMOBILE UNLESS THE PERSON
2 PROVIDES A RECORD OF THE TRANSFER OF THE SNOWMOBILE TO ANOTHER
3 PERSON. THE RECORD OF TRANSFER MUST BE A FORM OR DOCUMENT THAT
4 INCLUDES THE TRANSFEREE'S NAME, ADDRESS, DRIVER LICENSE NUMBER, AND
5 SIGNATURE, DATE OF TRANSFER OF THE SNOWMOBILE, AND, IF APPLICABLE,
6 THE SALE PRICE.

7 (3) SECTIONS 80130F(2) TO 80130P APPLY TO A SNOWMOBILE IN THE
8 SAME MANNER AS THOSE PROVISIONS APPLY TO A VESSEL EXCEPT AS
9 FOLLOWS:

10 (A) SECTION 80130G(5) DOES NOT APPLY TO A SNOWMOBILE. THE
11 RELEASE FORM MAY BE USED AS EVIDENCE OF OWNERSHIP TO APPLY FOR A
12 SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATION.

13 (B) SECTION 80130K(3)(B)(ii) DOES NOT APPLY TO A SNOWMOBILE.

14 (4) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (1) AND WHO FAILS TO
15 REDEEM THE SNOWMOBILE BEFORE DISPOSITION OF THE SNOWMOBILE UNDER
16 SECTION 80130K IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A CIVIL INFRACTION AND SHALL BE
17 ORDERED TO PAY A CIVIL FINE OF \$50.00.

18 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect upon the
19 expiration of 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.