

HOUSE BILL No. 4195

February 7, 1991, Introduced by Rep. Alley and referred to the Committee on Conservation, Recreation and Environment.

A bill to amend section 2 of Act No. 241 of the Public Acts of 1972, entitled
"Wilderness and natural areas act of 1972,"
being section 322.752 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 2 of Act No. 241 of the Public Acts of
2 1972, being section 322.752 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

5 (a) "Board" means the wilderness and natural areas advisory
6 board created pursuant to section 3.

7 (b) "Commission" means the commission of ~~natural resources~~
8 CONSERVATION AND RECREATION.

9 (c) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

1 (d) "Wilderness area" means a tract of undeveloped state
2 land or water under control of the department and dedicated and
3 regulated by the commission pursuant to this act which:

4 (i) Has 3,000 or more acres of state land or is an island of
5 any size.

6 (ii) Generally appears to have been affected primarily by
7 forces of nature with the imprint of man's work substantially
8 unnoticeable.

9 (iii) Has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primi-
10 tive and unconfined type of recreation.

11 (iv) Contains ecological, geological or other features of
12 scientific, scenic or historical value.

13 (e) "Wild area" means a tract of undeveloped state land or
14 water under control of the department and dedicated and regulated
15 by the commission pursuant to this act which:

16 (i) Is less than 3,000 acres of state land.

17 (ii) Has outstanding opportunities for personal exploration,
18 challenge or contact with natural features of the landscape and
19 its biological community.

20 (iii) Possesses 1 or more of the characteristics of a wil-
21 derness area.

22 (f) "Natural area" means a tract of state land or water
23 under control of the department and dedicated and regulated by
24 the commission pursuant to this act which:

25 (i) Has retained or reestablished its natural character, or
26 has unusual flora and fauna or biotic, geologic, scenic or other

1 similar features of educational or scientific value, but it need
2 not be undisturbed.

3 (ii) Has been identified and verified through research and
4 study by qualified observers.

5 (iii) May be coextensive with or part of a wilderness area
6 or wild area.

7 Section 2. This amendatory act shall not take effect unless
8 all of the following bills of the 86th Legislature are enacted
9 into law:

10 (a) Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 4177 (request
11 no. 00827'91).

12 (b) Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 4173 (request
13 no. 00827'91a).