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**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
87TH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 1993**

Introduced by Reps. Walberg, Nye, Hoffman, Dalman and Cropsey

# **ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4025**

AN ACT to provide for the designation of a dark sky preserve; to regulate certain activities within a dark sky preserve; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials; and to repeal this act on a specific date.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 1. As used in this act:

(a) "Commission" means the commission of natural resources.

(b) "Dark sky preserve" means the area designated in section 2.

(c) "Fully shielded" means outdoor light fixtures shielded or constructed so that no light rays are emitted by the installed fixture at angles above 15 degrees below the horizontal plane and also constructed so that the filament or light source is not visible to the naked eye when viewed from a point higher than 15 degrees below the horizontal plane.

Sec. 2. The state owned land at lake Hudson, legally described as:

All state-owned land located in Sections 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36, T 7 S, R 1 E, and Section 1, T 8 S, R 1 E - Lenawee County, Michigan.

is designated a dark sky preserve.

Sec. 3. (1) The commission shall ensure that outdoor lighting within a dark sky preserve is not installed unless necessary for safety, security, or the reasonable use and enjoyment of property within the preserve.

(2) The commission shall ensure that outdoor lighting within a dark sky preserve does not unreasonably interfere with nighttime activities that require darkness, including, but not limited to, the enjoyment of the night sky, nighttime photography, and wildlife photography.

Sec. 4. Within 90 days after the effective date of this act, the commission shall ensure that all outdoor lighting within a dark sky preserve conforms to the following:

(a) Lighting shall be directed downward.

(b) Whenever possible, lighting shall be provided by fully shielded fixtures.

(c) Wherever practical and appropriate, outdoor lighting fixtures shall be motion sensor fixtures, and not fixtures that remain lighted during all hours of darkness.

Sec. 5. This act does not restrict the use and development of the state owned land at lake Hudson as prescribed by the master plan approved by the commission if the use and development are in compliance with this act.

Sec. 6. This act is repealed upon the expiration of 10 years after its effective date.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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Co-Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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Secretary of the Senate.

Approved -----

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Governor.