



SENATE BILL No. 971

January 18, 1994, Introduced by Senators Hoffman, Ehlers, Wartner, Gast and Dingell and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

A bill to amend Act No 149 of the Public Acts of 1960, entitled

"An act to authorize the state conservation commission to acquire land and undertake an improvement program at certain state parks to provide for financing through the issuance of revenue bonds to provide the terms, conditions and limitations on such bonds to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state officers to authorize the imposition of certain charges and fees for the payment and security of such bonds and for other purposes to authorize the refunding of such bonds and to prescribe penalties for violations of this act,"

as amended, being sections 318 301 to 318 316 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, by adding section 1d

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1 Section 1 Act No 149 of the Public Acts of 1960, as
2 amended, being sections 318 301 to 318 316 of the Michigan
3 Compiled Laws, is amended by adding section 1d to read as
4 follows

1 SEC 1D (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
- 11 (E) PARK MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT
- 12 (F) PUBLIC INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE
- 13 (G) TRAINING

14 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGNATE THE ACTIVITIES TO BE PER-
15 FORMED BY A VOLUNTEER GROUP IN THE ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM THE
16 DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE FOR MORE THAN 1 VOLUNTEER GROUP TO ADOPT A
17 STATE PARK

18 (4) A VOLUNTEER GROUP THAT WISHES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
19 ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPART-
20 MENT ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT ADDITIONALLY, VOLUN-
21 TEER GROUPS SHALL AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING

22 (A) VOLUNTEER GROUPS SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM FOR AT
23 LEAST A 2-YEAR PERIOD

24 (B) VOLUNTEER GROUPS SHALL CONSIST OF AT LEAST 6 PEOPLE WHO
25 ARE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, UNLESS THE VOLUNTEER GROUP IS A
26 SCHOOL OR SCOUT ORGANIZATION, IN WHICH CASE THE VOLUNTEERS MAY BE
27 UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

1 (C) VOLUNTEER GROUPS SHALL GIVE A TOTAL OF 400 HOURS OVER A
2 2-YEAR PERIOD

3 (D) VOLUNTEER GROUPS SHALL COMPLY WITH OTHER REASONABLE
4 REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT

5 (5) A STATE PARK MANAGER MAY ISSUE TO VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE
6 ACTIVELY WORKING ON ADOPT-A-PARK PROJECTS THAT LAST MORE THAN 1
7 DAY FREE CAMPING PERMITS IF CAMPSITES ARE AVAILABLE A STATE
8 PARK MANAGER MAY WAIVE STATE PARK ENTRY FEES FOR VOLUNTEERS
9 ENTERING STATE PARKS TO WORK ON ADOPT-A-PARK PROJECTS

10 (6) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGN AND ERECT NEAR THE STATE
11 PARK HEADQUARTERS OF EACH STATE PARK IN THE ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM
12 AN ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM SIGN WITH THE NAME OF THE VOLUNTEER
13 GROUP'S SPONSORING ORGANIZATION LISTED FOR EACH VOLUNTEER GROUP
14 THAT HAS CONTRIBUTED AT LEAST 100 SERVICE HOURS BY VOLUNTEERS