



HOUSE BILL No. 4885

May 23, 1995, Introduced by Reps. Middaugh, Alley, Bodem, McManus, DeHart, Hill, Murphy, Gnodtke, Munsell, Sikkema, Brater and Wetters and referred to the Committee on Conservation, Environment and Great Lakes.

A bill to amend Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," as amended, being sections 324.101 to 324.90101 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, by adding part 358.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as
2 amended, being sections 324.101 to 324.90101 of the Michigan
3 Compiled Laws, is amended by adding part 358 to read as follows:

4 PART 358 ADOPT-A-BEACH PROGRAM

5 SEC. 35801. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER A PROGRAM
6 ENTITLED THE ADOPT-A-BEACH PROGRAM WHICH SHALL BE DESIGNED TO
7 REMOVE LITTER FROM AND TO BEAUTIFY THE STATE'S BEACHES. THE
8 PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES, BUT SHALL
9 BE DIRECTED PRIMARILY TOWARD ENCOURAGING AND FACILITATING THE

1 INVOLVEMENT OF VOLUNTEER GROUPS IN LITTER CLEANUP WORK AND
2 ASSIGNING EACH GROUP TO A SPECIFIC BEACH OR BEACH SEGMENT.

3 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROMULGATE RULES AS NECESSARY TO
4 IMPLEMENT THE ADOPT-A-BEACH PROGRAM.

5 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH VOLUN-
6 TEER GROUPS TO IMPLEMENT THE ADOPT-A-BEACH PROGRAM. AGREEMENTS
7 WITH VOLUNTEER GROUPS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, ALL
8 OF THE FOLLOWING:

9 (A) IDENTIFICATION OF THE DESIGNATED BEACH OR BEACH
10 SEGMENT. THE VOLUNTEER GROUP MAY REQUEST A SPECIFIC SEGMENT OF
11 THE BEACH IT WISHES TO ADOPT, BUT THE ASSIGNMENT SHALL BE AT THE
12 DISCRETION OF THE DEPARTMENT. IN ASSIGNING SECTIONS OF A BEACH,
13 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COORDINATE AND COOPERATE WITH AFFECTED FED-
14 ERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL MANAGEMENT AGENCIES AND PRIVATE
15 LANDOWNERS.

16 (B) SPECIFICATION OF THE DUTIES OF THE VOLUNTEER GROUP WHICH
17 SHALL INVOLVE THE REMOVAL OF LITTER ALONG THE DESIGNATED BEACH OR
18 BEACH SEGMENT AT LEAST ONCE EACH YEAR.

19 (C) SPECIFICATION OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VOLUNTEER
20 GROUP, INCLUDING THE VOLUNTEER GROUP'S AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY ALL
21 RULES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM THAT ARE ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

22 (D) A SPECIFIC DESIGNATION OF THE LENGTH OF TIME THE VOLUN-
23 TEER GROUP CONTRACTS TO CARE FOR THE DESIGNATED BEACH OR BEACH
24 SEGMENT, WHICH SHALL BE FOR A PERIOD OF TIME OF NOT LESS THAN 2
25 YEARS.

26 SEC. 35802. IN IMPLEMENTING THIS PART AND THE ADOPT-A-BEACH
27 PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

1 (A) CREATE A RECOGNITION PROGRAM THAT ACKNOWLEDGES THE
2 EFFORTS OF VOLUNTEER GROUPS AND THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUPS THAT
3 PARTICIPATE IN THE ADOPT-A-BEACH PROGRAM.

4 (B) PROVIDE TRASH BAGS, SAFETY INFORMATION, AND ASSISTANCE
5 TO THE PARTICIPATING VOLUNTEER GROUPS.

6 (C) UNDERTAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR FACILITATING THE REMOVAL OF
7 LARGE OR HEAVY ITEMS FROM A BEACH OR BEACH SEGMENT IF SUCH ITEMS
8 ARE FOUND BY A VOLUNTEER GROUP.

9 SEC. 35803. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE
10 STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT PRIMARILY CONSIDER
11 ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE
12 ENVIRONMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION AND PROGRESS OF THE
13 ADOPT-A-BEACH PROGRAM.