

HOUSE BILL No. 5544

January 31, 1996, Introduced by Reps. Nye, Cropsey, Fitzgerald, Dalman, Ryan, Bush and Jersevic and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Civil Rights.

A bill to amend section 504 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, entitled

"Natural resources and environmental protection act," being section 324.504 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- Section 1. Section 504 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of
- 2 1994, being section 324.504 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
- 3 amended to read as follows:
- 4 Sec. 504. —(1) The department shall promulgate rules for
- 5 the protection of the lands and property under its control
- 6 against wrongful use or occupancy as will ensure the carrying out
- 7 of the intent of this part to protect the lands and property from
- 8 depredations and to preserve the lands and property from
- 9 molestation, spoilation, destruction, or any other improper use
- 10 or occupancy. This section does not allow the department to

- 1 promulgate a rule that applies to commercial fishing except as
- 2 otherwise provided by law. The department shall issue orders
- 3 necessary to implement rules promulgated under this section.
- 4 These orders shall be effective upon posting. (2) A person who
- 5 violates a rule promulgated under this section or an order issued
- 6 under this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by
- 7 imprisonment for not more than 90 days or community service of
- 8 not more than 30 days, or by a fine of not more than \$500.00, or
- 9 both. (3) On and after the date the civil procedures act is
- 10 enacted into law, a A person who violates a rule promulgated
- 11 under this section or an order issued under this section is
- 12 responsible for a STATE civil infraction and -subject MAY BE
- 13 ORDERED to PAY a civil fine of not more than \$500.00.