

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 6013

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding part 360.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 PART 360

2 ADOPT-A-FOREST PROGRAM

3 SEC. 36001. AS USED IN THIS PART:

4 (A) "PARTICIPANT" MEANS A VOLUNTEER GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL PAR-
5 TICIPATING IN THE ADOPT-A-FOREST PROGRAM.

6 (B) "WASTES" INCLUDES SOLID WASTE AS DEFINED IN PART 115,
7 HAZARDOUS WASTE AS DEFINED IN PART 111, AND OTHER RECYCLABLE
8 MATERIALS.

9 SEC. 36002. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER A PROGRAM
10 ENTITLED THE ADOPT-A-FOREST PROGRAM, WHICH SHALL BE DESIGNED TO
11 REMOVE ILLEGALLY DUMPED WASTE FROM PUBLIC FORESTLANDS. THE

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1 PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES, BUT SHALL
2 BE DIRECTED PRIMARILY TOWARD ENCOURAGING AND RETAINING THE PAR-
3 TICIPATION OF VOLUNTEERS IN CLEANING UP PUBLIC FORESTLANDS IN THE
4 STATE.

5 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH PARTICI-
6 PANTS TO IMPLEMENT THE ADOPT-A-FOREST PROGRAM. AN AGREEMENT
7 SHALL BE FOR UP TO A 3-YEAR PERIOD, AFTER WHICH A NEW AGREEMENT
8 MAY BE ENTERED INTO. THE PROVISIONS IN AGREEMENTS WITH PARTICI-
9 PANTS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, BOTH OF THE
10 FOLLOWING:

11 (A) IDENTIFICATION OF A PARCEL OF PUBLIC FORESTLAND. A PAR-
12 TICIPANT MAY REQUEST A SPECIFIC PARCEL OF FORESTLAND IT WISHES TO
13 ADOPT. IN ASSISTING PARTICIPANTS IN SELECTING A PARCEL OF FOR-
14 ESTLAND, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COOPERATE WITH AFFECTED FEDERAL,
15 STATE, AND LOCAL MANAGEMENT AGENCIES, AND NONPROFIT
16 ORGANIZATIONS.

17 [(B) SPECIFICATION OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTICIPANT AS
18 FOLLOWS:

19 (i) THE RESPONSIBILITIES SHALL INCLUDE THE REMOVAL OF WASTES
20 FROM THE DESIGNATED PARCEL AT LEAST ONCE PER YEAR. THE PARTICIPANT
21 SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO PROMOTE RECYCLING OR PROPER
22 DISPOSAL OF RECOVERED RECYCLABLE MATERIALS, SCRAP TIRES, AND
23 HAZARDOUS WASTE.

24 (ii) THE RESPONSIBILITIES SHALL INCLUDE THE PARTICIPANT'S
25 AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY GUIDELINES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM THAT ARE
26 ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION 36003.

(iii) THE RESPONSIBILITIES MAY INCLUDE OTHER ACTIVITIES APPROVED
BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND.]

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1 SEC. 36003. IN IMPLEMENTING THIS PART AND THE

2 ADOPT-A-FOREST PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DO ALL OF THE

3 FOLLOWING:

4 (A) ADOPT GUIDELINES RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF THE

5 ADOPT-A-FOREST PROGRAM.

6 (B) CREATE A RECOGNITION PROGRAM THAT ACKNOWLEDGES THE

7 EFFORTS OF PARTICIPANTS. [HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ALLOW
THE PLACEMENT OF MORE THAN 1 SIGN, NOT TO BE LARGER THAN 3 FEET BY 3
FEET IN AREA, TO BE LOCATED ONLY AT A PARKING LOT, TRAILHEAD, OR
ROADSIDE.]

8 (C) PROVIDE SAFETY INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE TO

9 PARTICIPANTS.

10 (D) PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH NATURAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

11 AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.

12 (E) ASSIST IN COORDINATING CLEANUPS AND IDENTIFYING LOCA-

13 TIONS OF WASTES ON PUBLIC FORESTLANDS FOR RECOVERY BY

14 PARTICIPANTS.

15 (F) DEVELOP, AS PART OF THE GUIDELINES UNDER SUBDIVISION

16 (A), A DATA TRACKING SYSTEM RELATED TO CLEANUP ACTIVITIES.

17 SEC. 36004. (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE UP TO 100% OF

18 PREAPPROVED WASTE DISPOSAL FEES UPON REQUEST BY A PARTICIPANT IN

19 ANY FISCAL YEAR AS LONG AS FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND THE PARTICI-

20 PANT PROVIDES IN-KIND SERVICES EQUALING OR EXCEEDING 25% OF THE

21 AMOUNT OF THE FEES.

22 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPILE INFORMATION GATHERED FROM

23 THE DATA TRACKING SYSTEM UNDER SECTION 36003(F) FOR INCLUSION IN

24 THE ANNUAL REPORT PREPARED UNDER SECTION 36005.

25 (3) ANY MONEY RECEIVED BY A PARTICIPANT FROM THE SALE OF

26 RECYCLABLE MATERIALS MAY BE RETAINED BY THE PARTICIPANT TO BE

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1 USED FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES RELATED TO THE CLEANUP
2 ACTIVITIES.

3 SEC. 36005. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN
4 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT
5 PRIMARILY CONSIDER ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE PROTECTION OF NATURAL
6 RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE APPRO-
7 PRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES ON NATURAL RESOURCES. THIS ANNUAL REPORT
8 SHALL INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF ACRES FROM WHICH WASTES WERE REMOVED,
9 THE NUMBER OF TONS OF WASTES REMOVED, AND THE AMOUNT OF WASTES
10 THAT WERE RECYCLED.